



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

1915(i) RISE Initiative

Recovery, Independence, Support, and Engagement

Expanding Medicaid Home & Community-Based Services for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

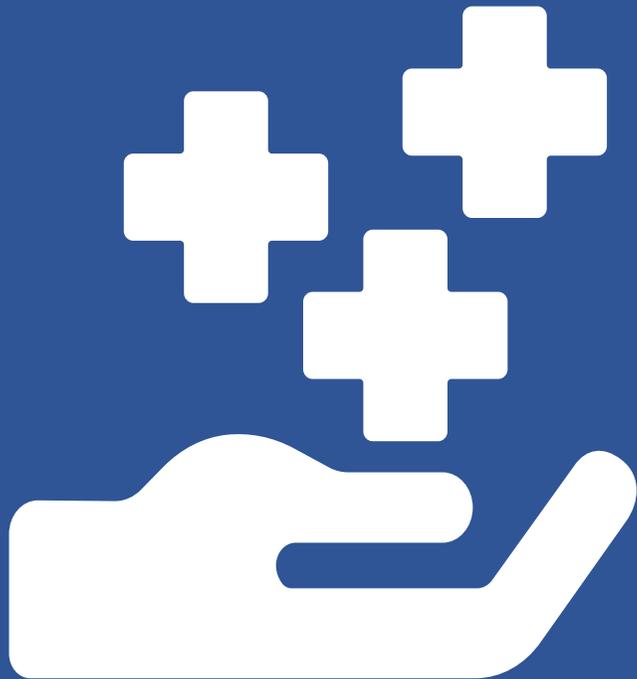
What is a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment

States can develop a 1915(i) SPA HCBS program to:



- Allow states to define a target population to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).
- Define supports and services included in the benefit.
- Target a program and its services to one or more populations using needs-based eligibility criteria.
- Offer the benefit **state-wide** to eligible individuals. Services offered within Medicaid state plans are available state-wide and with no capped slots.
- Offer HCBS to people who do not yet meet the institutional level of care requirements (e.g., qualify for a nursing home).

What is the 1915(i) RISE Initiative?



- A new Medicaid benefit under Kentucky's 1915(i) State Plan Amendment
- Designed for adults with a primary diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness (SMI), with or without Addiction
- Brings 10 essential support services into communities
- Available Summer 2025

1915(i) RISE Initiative Principles

- **R**ecovery
- **I**ndependence
- **S**upport
- **E**ngagement

RISE reflects the initiative's focus; Helping individuals RISE above their challenges through services that promote recovery, independence, and community engagement.

Enhance
Community
Based Supports

Foster Participant
Independence

Prevent
Institutionalization

Promote Person-
Centered Care
Approach

Who Qualifies for 1915(i) RISE Initiative Benefit?



- Adults age 18+ and enrolled in Kentucky Medicaid
- Primary diagnosis of SMI or co-occurring SUD
- Must demonstrate clear evidence of functional impairment as demonstrated by the individual needing assistance in two or more of the following:
 - Societal functioning, Interpersonal functioning, daily living/personal care functioning, physical functioning and/or cognitive/intellectual functioning as evidenced by the criteria established in the InterRAI Community mental health assessment tool.

1915(i) RISE Initiative Services



1. Supervised Residential Care



2. In-Home Independent Living Supports



3. Housing & Tenancy Supports



4. Supported Employment



5. Supported Education



6. Transportation



7. Medication Management



8. Planned Respite for Caregivers



9. Assistive Technology



10. Case Management

1915(i) RISE Initiative Provider



- Streamlined certification and onboarding to Medicaid enrollment
- Full training and ongoing technical assistance
- Fee-for-service Medicaid payments for 10 services
- No managed care contracting — direct billing through Kentucky Medicaid
- Be part of a transformational, statewide initiative

1915(i) RISE Initiative

- Providers – Interested in becoming a provider – 1915iriseprovider@ky.gov reach out with your interest and be added to the list-serv for more specific information.
- Potential participants – 1915iriseinitiative@ky.gov to obtain more information.
- Website – **Check it out July 1st!**
<https://dbhdid.ky.gov/1915iriseinitiative>

Questions?

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