



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Wait List Management

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Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs

Acquired Brain
Injury (ABI)

Administered by DMS

Home and
Community
Based (HCB)

Administered by DAIL

Michelle P.
Waiver (MPW)

Administered by DBHDID

Acquired Brain
Injury Long Term
Care (ABI LTC)

Administered by DMS

Model II Waiver
(MIIW)

Administered by DMS

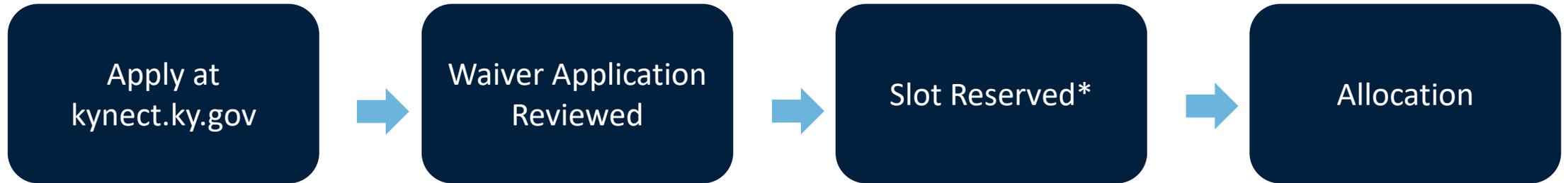
Supports for
Community Living
(SCL)

Administered by DBHDID

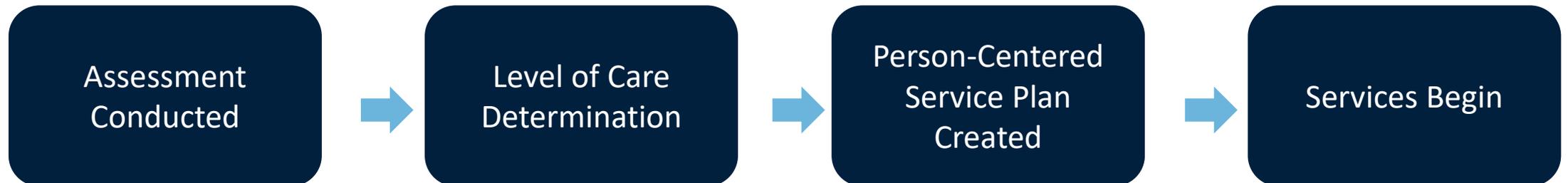
CHILD Waiver

Administered by DMS

From Waiver Application to Services



*Some waivers currently have waiting lists. Individuals who qualify will be placed on the list.



Understanding the Wait List Process

- Individuals meet criteria but cannot immediately access waiver-funded services.
- Position on the wait list is maintained until a slot becomes available.
- The individual may be contacted annually with wait list updates or to reconfirm interest.
 - The 1915(c) waiver helpdesk can be contacted to check the current waitlist status.
- Wait time varies based on the number of CMS-approved slots, which are allocated, monitored, closed, and reallocated continuously based on available funding.

1915(c) HCBS Waiver: Slot Allocations

Current HCBS 1915 (C) Waiver Enrollment and WL Data as of 02/02/2026 (SFY26)

Waiver	Funded Slots***	Filled Slots	Allocated Slots	Available	Total on WL
ABI Acute	383	271	51	61	0
ABI LTC*	488	458	26	4	3
CHILD	100	1	2	97	0
HCBS*	17,800	16,744	993	63	6,019
Model II	100	14	16	70	0
MP	11,350	10,057	779	514	9,806
SCL	5,416	5,075	136	205	3,813
Total	35,637	32,620	2,003	1,014	19,641
Total Number on Waitlist Across All Waivers - Unduplicated					16,792

* Filled and Allocated Slots may also include MFP transitions allocations

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services has developed a thoughtful allocation plan for newly appropriated slots to maximize individuals' movement from allocation to utilization of services and to reduce the risk of a bottleneck effect caused by provider over-capacity.

1915(c) HCBS Waiver: Waitlist Information

Waitlist by Timeframe							
Waiver	Less than 6 Months	6 Months to 1 Year	1 - 2 Years	2 - 3 Years	3 - 4 Years	4 - 5 Years	Over 5 Years
ABI LTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
HCB	8	38	68	87	96	87	5635
MPW	9	31	97	165	288	455	8761
SCL	0	0	0	1	2	2	3808

Waiver	Max Days on Waitlist	Average Days on Waitlist
ABI LTC	12	7
HCB	280	142
MPW	3101	1227
SCL	10883	2742

**This data is as of 02/02/26*

Unduplicated Slots and the Wait List

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require waiver slots be unduplicated.
- CMS defines an unduplicated waiver participant as a *“unique individual who participates in the waiver during a waiver year, regardless of when the individual entered the waiver and length of stay on the waiver. A person who enters, exits, and re-enters the waiver during a waiver year counts as one unduplicated waiver participant.”*
- Think of each participant as the “owner” of their waiver slot. If they leave the waiver for any reason, they still “own” the waiver slot until the waiver year is over.
- This only applies to slots held by participants who are not receiving services at the end of the waiver year. If a participant is actively receiving services when the waiver year ends, they become the owner of the slot for the next year, too.

Complexity of Waiting Lists

14.5% of people on the waiting lists are on more than one waiting list

31% of people on the waiting lists have allocation in another waiver

In addition, **94%** of the people on the waiting list have Medicaid and are therefore able to receive state plan services

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Services Available While on the Wait List

- State Plan Medicaid Services or services through a managed care organization (MCO).
- EPSDT for individuals under 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid.
- Community-based supports not requiring waiver enrollment.
- Referral to other programs such as state general funds, local supports, or advocacy resources.
- Insurance or health coverage offered through employer or other source.

Communication to Members

- Official letter from CHFS confirming wait list placement explaining:
 - Wait list status.
 - Resources that can be accessed while on the wait list.
 - Steps to maintain an active status, such as keeping contact information up to date.
 - 1915(c) waiver helpdesk contact information for assistance and updates.

Questions



For more information, visit The Division of Long-Term Services and Supports website at:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Pages/default.aspx>