

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**1115 Waiver Amendment Application: Improving Health Outcomes for Individuals with Serious  
Mental Illness and Health Related Social Needs**

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.408, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) announces its intention to file an 1115 Amendment Application with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DMS is requesting an amendment to the Commonwealth's Section 1115(a) Demonstration, entitled "Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health" (KY HEALTH) (Project Nos. 11-W-00306/4 and 21-W00067/4) and requesting Medicaid coverage to (1) reimburse medically necessary short-term, defined as a state-wide average length of stay no longer than 30 days, inpatient treatment services within settings that qualify as institutions for mental diseases (IMDs) for Medicaid-eligible adults with serious mental illness; (2) implement a pilot program to provide Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) services, specifically recuperative care services, also known as medical respite care, to adult beneficiaries, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who need additional medical support and care coordination.

**Public Comments**

Copies of this notice are available on the [DMS Website](#).

In addition, DMS will hold 3 Virtual Town hall Meetings on the following dates:

April 12, 2023, 3:00 EST

April 19, 2023, 10:00 EST

April 26, 2023, 12:00 EST

Join by Microsoft Teams Meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 279 612 657 461

Passcode: 6wTdNE

Join by Phone:

502-632-6289

Phone Conference ID: 791 546 355#

Comments or inquiries should be submitted via email received on or before May 5, 2023, to:

[DMS.Issues@ky.gov](mailto:DMS.Issues@ky.gov).

Written comments must be mailed to the address below and postmarked by May 5, 2023.

A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below:

SMI 1115 Amendment Comment

c/o DMS Commissioner's Office

275 E. Main St. 2E

Frankfort, KY 40601

For Kentucky's 1115 Demonstration historical information refer to:

[KY HEALTH 1115 Demonstration](#)