

We are pleased to announce that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Home and Community Based Waiver (HCB2 - KY.0144.R06.00) renewal with an effective date of August 1, 2016.

DMS will begin to operationalize the new waiver on September 15, 2016.

The Department for Aging and Independent Living will serve as the daily operating entity for the waiver under the direction of the Department for Medicaid Services. If you have questions regarding the waiver, you may contact the Department for Aging and Independent Living by calling 877-315-0589 or dailhcb@ky.gov. Please note, DMS and DAİL will be hosting a series of forums over the next few weeks to review the waiver, and discuss operational strategies and recent changes. Information on the forums was sent out last week and is attached to this correspondence.

As we transition to the new waiver, there will be changes to the Assessments and Reassessments and the process for transitioning therapies to the state plan.

Assessments and Reassessments

Providers will continue to complete all assessments and reassessments using the MAP 351 and submit for Level of Care (LOC) determination until September 14, 2016.

Beginning, September 15, 2016, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) Independent Nurse Assessors will take over and begin conducting the assessments and reassessments using the new assessment tool – KHAT.

In order to receive appropriate payment for assessments that have been completed upon receipt of this notification and received LOC approval with an effective date after September 15, 2016 you will need to submit a list to Lori Gresham, RN at Lori.Kays@ky.gov by September 15, 2016.

If you have any additional questions regarding assessments, please contact Lori Gresham at 502-564-0330.

Therapy Services

All clients receiving therapy services in the current waiver **MUST** transition to the state plan by September 15, 2016. Providers will not be allowed to bill therapy services in the waiver after that date.

Some additional resources for therapy services are linked below.

Frequently Asked Questions: http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3D0DEA46-9A9E-405A-99A4-A4D1102701FC/0/PTOTSTWaiverTransitionProviderFAQ_FINAL.pdf

HCB Provider Letter Regarding Therapy Transition:
<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/CCBFED1F-5C22-4E5B-8961-1C97C55BE2B0/0/HBCADHCTherapyTransitionLetter.pdf>

Presentations Regarding Therapy Process

Provider Webinar Regarding Therapy Changes (May 31 2016):
http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/072163DB-8D34-46DC-9EB1-14AB7F78102C/0/PT_OT_STWebinar2Draft_20160531_v2.pdf

HP Prior Authorization Process for Therapy Services Presentation:
<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/24E15611-CA60-4ED2-AAC2-2643F57E1A10/0/TherapyServices.pdf>

If you have any additional questions regarding therapy transitions, please contact HPE at UM_Research@hpe.com

We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks as we gear up to implement these exciting changes to the HCB waiver.