

Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services Reentry 1115 Demonstration Public Forum Thursday, December 12, 2024

- 1. **Q.** Can you expand on the data sharing this will require? Who would be sharing data and what data elements would that include?
- **A.** Data fields are still being identified. All data fields will need to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- 2. **Q.** Will the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) be used to share data among carceral facilities, managed care organizations (MCOs), and providers?
- **A.** DMS is still exploring how KHIE will be leveraged to communicate between key partners.
- 3. **Q.** What types of health-related social needs (HRSN) services would you be providing and will there be one standard assessment to determine eligibility for those services?
- **A.** HRSN services are not covered under the Reentry Demonstration. HRSN will be assessed and incorporated through Case Management services pre and post release.
- 4. **Q.** For these 5121 mandatory requirements, is it mandatory to keep eligibility suspended or is that just the plan for now?
- **A.** Under section 5121, eligibility is suspended rather than terminated upon incarceration. This is a mandatory provision. Suspensions will be lifted during the approved pre-release period.
- 5. Q. DMS won't be providing services to pre-adjudicated juveniles in January but later in 2025?
- **A.** Currently there is no specific timeline for adopting the optional section 5122 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA).
- 6. Q. Does reentry waiver eligibility include state prisoners housed or located in local jails?
- **A.** At this time, state prisoners housed in local jails are not eligible for services under the waiver. However, the state is planning on a future amendment that would include this population.
- 7. Q. Is the implementation plan publicly available?
- **A.** The implementation plan will not be shared publicly until it is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- 8. **Q.** Is the state considering amending the 1115 reentry waiver to cover the 5121 population like Massachusetts and Montana have done?
- **A.** There are requirements for CAA Section 5121 that cannot be met under an 1115. KY is considering opportunities to align the 1115 and Section 5121 to its full potential; currently there is not a timeline for any potential amendments.