In accordance with 42 CFR 431.408, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) announces its intention to submit a request to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend the Kentucky Medicaid Section 1115(a) Demonstration, formerly entitled “Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health (KY HEALTH)” to September 30, 2028. Following the rescission of the Kentucky HEALTH program in 2020, KY requests to amend the title of the Demonstration components as “TEAMKY”.

Kentucky is requesting to extend the following waiver and expenditure authorities: Expenditures related to IMDs for SUD treatment, methods of administration for waiving non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for methadone treatment, and provision or medical assistance to provide Medicaid coverage to former foster care youth under age 26 who were in foster care under the responsibility of another state.

Kentucky successfully completed the realignment of eligible beneficiaries’ annual redetermination with employer sponsored insurance (ESI) open enrollment date according to the states issued standard terms and conditions (STCs). DMS is not requesting to extend this waiver and expenditure authority beyond October 1, 2023 under the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act.

No additional changes to implementation of the Demonstration will be requested at this time. KY’s goal for the extension request will be to continue monitoring and evaluating opportunities DMS may expand the SUD service array by providing additional supports and engaging individuals into treatment, to achieve better health outcomes and improve the lives of Kentucky Medicaid beneficiaries.

Public Hearings
Two public Town Halls will be conducted virtually on August 25, 2022 from 11:00AM – 12:00PM EST, and August 30, 2022 from 3:00PM – 4:00PM EST. Participants may view the meeting link posted on the DMS website noted below, or join on the web at: https://zoom.us/join with Password: 606335, or Join by Phone: 888-822-7517 with Conference Code: 186903.

Public Comments
A draft of the Demonstration extension application and copies of this notice are available on the DMS website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/publicnotices.aspx

Notices are available in the following news publications: Louisville Courier-Journal, Lexington Herald-Leader and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Comments or inquiries should be submitted via email received on or before September 13, 2022 to: DMS.Issues@ky.gov. Written comments must be postmarked by September 13, 2022 and mailed to:

Kentucky Medicaid Section 1115 Comment
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