



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES**

Andy Beshear
Governor

275 East Main Street, 6W-B
Frankfort, KY 40621
www.chfs.ky.gov

Eric C. Friedlander
Acting Secretary

Pam Smith
Division Director

Stephanie M. Bates
Acting Commissioner

To: Stakeholders of All 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers

From: Pam Smith
Director, Division of Community Alternatives

Date: December 20, 2019

Re: Supports for Community Living -- Proposed Personal Assistance Definition

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) recently ended a formal public comment period on amendments to appendices C, I and J in all six of Kentucky's 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC), Home and Community Based (HCB), Model II Waiver (MIIW), Michelle P. Waiver (MPW), and Supports for Community Living (SCL). Appendices C, I and J discuss participant services and waiver finances. These appendices were amended based on the outcome of the 1915(c) HCBS Rate Study conducted from November 2018 to September 2019.

During the formal public comment period held from November 8, 2019, to December 10, 2019, DMS received nearly 1,000 comments from more than 350 commenters. DMS identified a high number of comments regarding the proposed limit for Personal Assistance in the SCL waiver. Upon reviewing the proposed limit, DMS identified that it will reduce the maximum amount of Personal Assistance an SCL participant can receive. This was not the intent and the amended waiver language will be edited to correct this.

DMS is still evaluating public comments to determine what, if any, other waiver amendments may be needed. DMS will issue a formal response soon, which will identify any additional updates to proposed waiver language.

DMS thanks the hundreds of stakeholders who submitted comments. Stakeholder feedback is key in helping us identify needed updates for the 1915(c) HCBS waiver programs.

If you have questions or concerns about current waiver policy or your specific waiver case, call the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at 844-784-5614 or email 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov.

If you have additional comments about amendments to the waivers, please email medicaidpubliccomment@ky.gov. Comments made outside of formal public comment periods are responded to individually or through the 1915(c) HCBS Redesign FAQ document found on

the DMS Division of Community Alternatives website at
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Pages/default.aspx>.

Sincerely,



Pam Smith
Director, Division of Community Alternatives