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Enhanced FMAP Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

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What is the Enhanced FMAP?

The federal government matches every dollar Kentucky spends on 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). This is known as the federal medical assistance percentage or FMAP.

The American Rescue Plan Act passed in the spring temporarily increases the match given to states for HCBS. This is called the enhanced FMAP.
Kentucky estimates it will receive several million dollars in additional federal funding, but the amount can vary based on how the money is spent. Certain types of spending get a higher match than others.

Kentucky does not receive the money in one lump sum. A portion of the funds is “drawn down” quarterly (every three months).

Kentucky had to submit a plan for spending the enhanced FMAP to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Kentucky must report on how it is pending the funds quarterly.
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- Workforce Development: 35%
- Improving Ease of Access to HCBS: 30%
- Crisis Services: 20%
- Tools and Transformation: 10%
- Project Support: 5%
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Workforce Development

- Incentive and recovery payments to help waiver provider agencies
- Better training for direct support professionals (DSP)
- Development of a career advancement path for DSPs
- Creation of a central employee registry for DSPs and Participant-Directed Services (PDS) employees
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Improving Ease of Access to HCBS

• Rate study and review of rate service menu

• Improve management of 1915(c) HCBS waiver waiting lists

• Better connect waiver applicants and participants to all resources that can meet their needs

• Temporarily cover the cost of background checks for PDS employees while seeking long-term cost solution

• Seek statewide financial management vendor to standardize delivery of financial management service
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Crisis Services

• DMS and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities are working together on 988 initiative to create a 911-like service for mental health care.

• Development of mobile crisis services such as in-home care, walk-in services, crisis care management, and crisis respite.
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Tools and Transformation

• Make telehealth permanent following end of Appendix K

• Increase availability of remote monitoring and assistive technology to help participants live in less restrictive settings

• Feasibility study to determine if waivers can be reconfigured or added to serve additional populations

• Implementation of a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan Status

CMS granted partial approval to Kentucky’s spending plan on September 30.

- CMS requested more information on the following initiatives:
  - Acute and transition services for individuals with disabilities involved in the criminal justice system
  - Coverage of one-time expenses to increase participant independence
  - Implementation of an improved application process
  - Kentucky’s plan for exploring new rates
  - How Kentucky will use funds to implement PACE
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DMS Actions

• DMS provided CMS with requested information and is awaiting a response.

• DMS created a step-by-step workplan to implement each initiative in partnership with other state agencies.

• Work on some initiatives will begin in January 2022.

• Full implementation will take time. Some initiatives will require waiver and/or Kentucky Administrative Regulation updates, which must follow a specific process and include public comment.
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DMS Disaster Response

• DMS and its partners have been assessing the number of 1915(c) HCBS participants and providers affected.

• DMS and its partners are working to connect affected participants and providers to needed resources.

• DMS is working with CMS to make the waivers more flexible for participants and providers in tornado and storm-affected counties.

• More information will be forthcoming.
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