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**Public Notice**  
**Upcoming Public Comment Period for Renewal of Kentucky Medicaid's**  
**Supports for Community Living Waiver**  
**June 17, 2022**

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is notifying stakeholders of an upcoming formal public comment period for Kentucky's Supports for Community Living (SCL) waiver. The SCL waiver is one of Kentucky's six (6) 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. 1915(c) HCBS waivers expire every five years. The current version of the SCL waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expires in 2022. To continue providing SCL services, DMS must renew this waiver with CMS.

The formal public comment period for SCL begins **Friday, June 24, 2022**. DMS will **receive comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, July 24, 2022**. The formal public comment period is being held in accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(f), in which CMS requires states to engage their stakeholders before submitting substantive waiver changes for approval.

**Proposed Waiver Updates**

Please note this is a **renewal of the current SCL waiver only**. DMS evaluated the current SCL waiver application and made updates to areas where clarity on policy is needed, to align the waiver application with the current SCL Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR), and to assure the waiver application accurately describes current waiver processes.

Due to the size of the waiver application, DMS will list specific updates in a one-page summary document to help stakeholders more easily identify areas of review. The one-page summary and the SCL application will be available on the DMS Division of Community Alternatives website at <https://bit.ly/kyhcbstwaiverinfo> **no later than the close of business on Friday, June 24, 2022**.

DMS recognizes additional updates to the waiver are needed based on provider and participant feedback collected during the past few years. Many of these updates require changes to the SCL waiver Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR). Because of the length of time KAR amendments can take, DMS is not making major changes to the waiver application with this renewal. DMS anticipates making additional updates to the waiver and the waiver-related KAR after the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Rate Study concludes. DMS will hold additional formal public comment for any future KAR and waiver amendments.



## How to Make a Public Comment

To submit an official public comment during the formal public comment period, please use one of the following methods of submission:

1. **Email:** Please submit comments by email to [MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov](mailto:MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov)
2. **Phone:** Please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614. A DMS staff member will record your comments for review.
3. **Mail:** Department for Medicaid Services  
Division of Community Alternatives  
Attn: SCL Public Comment  
275 E. Main St., 6W-B  
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For the formal public comment period, please provide the following information with your submission.

1. Contact Information
  - If you are **commenting as an individual**, please submit contact information.
  - If you are **commenting on behalf of a provider**, please include the provider name and your contact information.
  - If you are **commenting on behalf of an organization or association**, include the organization's name and your contact information.
2. Comment
  - You may submit comments on the waiver as a whole or on specific parts of the waiver. When providing specific comments, please be clear on which areas you are commenting on. **Please, do not include personal health information in your comments. Your comments may be shared publicly.**

## What Happens After I Make a Public Comment?

DMS will review and publicly respond to comments received between June 24, 2022, and July 24, 2022, as part of the process of having the SCL application renewed by CMS.

DMS is dedicated to recognizing and considering stakeholder input at any time. It is important to note that DMS is continuously accepting comments about the waiver programs. Comments submitted before June 24, 2022, and after July 24, 2022, are addressed through DMS staff interaction.

You can request this document or the amended SCL waiver application in paper form by contacting the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at [1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov](mailto:1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov) or by calling (844) 784-5614.