

What Does This Mean To Me? Temporary Waiver Updates Due to COVID-19

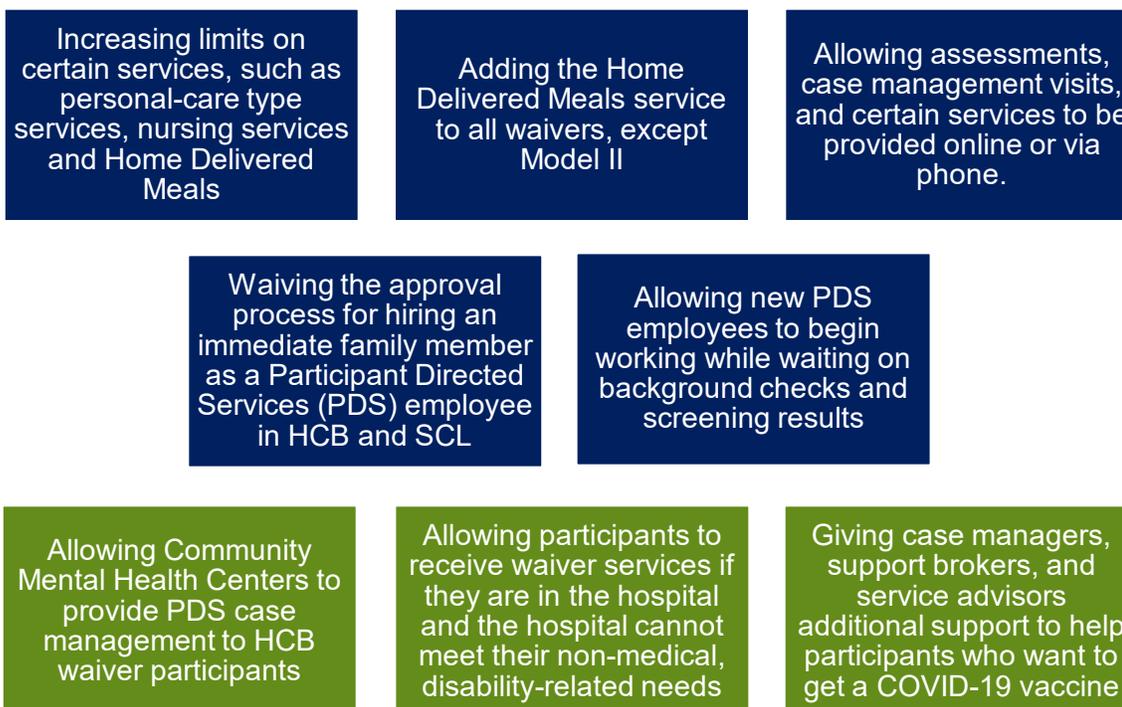
The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) made temporary updates to the Commonwealth's six 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC), Home and Community Based (HCB), Model II Waiver (MIIW), Michelle P. Waiver (MPW), and Supports for Community Living (SCL) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency. DMS made the initial updates in March 2020 and renewed those updates in March 2021.

Why did DMS make these updates?

DMS made these temporary updates to:

- Reduce the risk of COVID-19 to participants and providers.
- Reduce service disruptions caused by COVID-19.
- Deal with potential staffing shortages caused by COVID-19.

Here is a list of some of the changes DMS has made to help participants. The items in the blue were changed in 2020 and are still in effect. The items in the green boxes were added in 2021.



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DMS also made changes to help providers work around the challenges COVID-19 presents and continue to provide services to you during the state of emergency. All updates are outlined in Appendix K of the 1915(c) HCBS waiver application, which is available at <https://bit.ly/kyhcbssappendixk>.

How long will these temporary updates last?

DMS isn't sure right now. These temporary updates will expire based on when the federal government decides the COVID-19 public health emergency is over. We will notify you once we have a date. There will be a transition period before returning to normal waiver operations.

Additionally, Governor Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Department for Public Health are continuously evaluating the COVID-19 situation in Kentucky and updating guidelines as needed. For the latest COVID-19 information from the state, go to kycovid19.ky.gov.

Where can I find more information?

Here are a few links you might find helpful.

COVID-19 FAQ
for 1915(c) HCBS
Waivers

• <https://bit.ly/kyhcbsscovid19faq>

All 1915(c) HCBS
Waiver COVID-19
Information

• <https://bit.ly/kyhcbsswaiverinfo>

State of
Kentucky
COVID-19
Information

• [Kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov)

COVID-19
Vaccine
Information

• <http://bit.ly/kycovidvaccineguide>
• [Vaccine.ky.gov](https://vaccine.ky.gov)

What if I have more questions?

If you have questions about these temporary updates, you can contact DMS by calling (844) 784-5614 or by email at 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov