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To: 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Stakeholders

From: Pam Smith *PS*  
Director, Division of Community Alternatives

Date: February 13, 2020

Re: 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Redesign Update

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has an update for our stakeholders on the status of 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver redesign.

Based on stakeholder input, DMS is currently re-evaluating some of the recommendations included in the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Assessment report. Before moving forward, we want to ensure that all recommendations are thoroughly vetted to eliminate or minimize unintended consequences.

This pause also gives DMS another opportunity to thoroughly review the amended 1915(c) HCBS waiver applications to make sure the proposed updates are beneficial to our stakeholders and do not impose unnecessary administrative burdens on providers.

1915(c) HCBS waiver program updates that have already taken effect, such as changes to patient liability calculations, the shift in service authorization to case managers and new incident reporting processes will continue. Stakeholders can find more information about these updates on the DMS Division of Community Alternatives website at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Pages/default.aspx>.

DMS will notify stakeholders of new timelines as they are determined.

If you have comments or questions about 1915(c) HCBS waiver redesign, please email DMS at [medicaidpubliccomment@ky.gov](mailto:medicaidpubliccomment@ky.gov).

If you have a question about the current 1915(c) HCBS waiver programs or a case-specific issue, please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at [1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov](mailto:1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov) or (844) 784-5614.

Sincerely,

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