

**What Does This Mean to Me?
Home and Community Based (HCB) Waiver Amendment
August 2024**

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) completed a rate methodology study for most of its waiver services. As a result of this study, DMS is making amendments to all six 1915(c) waivers. In the HCB waiver, the changes in Appendix C relate to service units, the changes in Appendix I relate to updated rate methodologies, and the changes in Appendix J relate to updated cost estimates. To make changes to rates, DMS must hold a public comment period of at least 30 days before submitting the HCB waiver amendment to CMS for approval.

To assist stakeholders in reviewing the waiver applications and making a public comment, we have included the key proposed updates included in the waiver application below. The full waiver application is available on the DMS Division of Long-Term Services and Supports website at <https://bit.ly/KYMedicaidLTSSInfo>. Instructions for submitting public comments are available in the [public comment notice](#).

HCB Waiver Updates	
Appendix A Waiver Administration and Operation	No Changes
Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility	No Changes
Appendix C Covered Service	Modified service limits and units to promote consistency across waiver programs and align with rate methodology study findings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating the <i>Financial Management Services</i> units and service limit from 15-minute units with an 8 unit service limit to a “per month” unit. Updating <i>Respite</i> from a cost-based service limit to a unit-based service limit.
Appendix D Participant Centered Service Planning and Delivery	No Changes
Appendix E Participant Direction of Services	No Changes

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HCB Waiver Updates	
Appendix F Participant Rights	No Changes
Appendix G Participant Safeguards	No Changes
Appendix H Quality Systems Improvement	No Changes
Appendix I Financial Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Appendix I-2-a to reflect the rate methodology used to develop new rates and the additional policy decisions regarding those rates.
Appendix J Cost-Neutrality Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Appendix J-2-c to reflect additional language regarding how the Cabinet developed revised cost estimates for each service based on the rate methodology study. Updated Appendix J-2-d to reflect the revised cost estimates aligned with rate methodology updates defined in Appendix I. Please note, the “average cost per unit” reflected in Appendix J-2-d may not align with the rates included in Addendum A below. This is due to some services reflecting an average of two or more payment rates (e.g., Attendant Care).

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Addendum A. Rates for Implementation

Home-Based Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Attendant Care	HCB	15-minute	\$7.26
Attendant Care with 50% supplemental add-on*	HCB	15-minute	\$9.00
Non-Specialized Respite	HCB	15-minute	\$5.92
Specialized Respite, Level I	HCB	15-minute	\$5.92
Specialized Respite, Level I with 50% supplemental add-on*	HCB	15-minute	\$6.00
Specialized Respite, Level II	HCB	15-minute	\$12.10
Specialized Respite, Level II with 50% supplemental add-on*	HCB	15-minute	\$15.00

*This enhanced rate will be accessible to those providers who elected to attest to an 85% passthrough of funds to Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

Day Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Adult Day Health Care, Level I	HCB	15-minute	\$3.82
Adult Day Health Care, Level II	HCB	15-minute	\$4.15

Case Management

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Case Management	HCB	Monthly	\$425.92



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Miscellaneous Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Financial Management Services	HCB	Monthly	\$196.63
Home-Delivered Meals	HCB	Per meal	\$9.08