

**What Does This Mean to Me?**  
**Model II Waiver (MIIW) 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 MIIW waiver, 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 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](#).

Model II Waiver Updates	
<b>Appendix A Waiver Administration and Operation</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix C Covered Service</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix D Participant Centered Service Planning and Delivery</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix E Participant Direction of Services</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix F Participant Rights</b>	No Changes

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<b>Appendix G Participant Safeguards</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix H Quality Systems Improvement</b>	No Changes
<b>Appendix I Financial Accountability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Appendix I-2-a to reflect the rate methodology used to develop new rates and the additional policy decisions regarding those rates.</li> </ul>
<b>Appendix J Cost-Neutrality Demonstration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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., historical rate, proposed new rate) for specific waiver years.</li> </ul>

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**Addendum A. Rates for Implementation**

**Nursing Services**

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Skilled Services LPN	MIIW	Hourly	\$46.33
Skilled Services RN	MIIW	Hourly	\$63.97
Skilled Services RT	MIIW	Hourly	\$53.42