

What Does This Mean to Me? Michelle P. Waiver (MPW) Amendment August 2024

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) completed a rate methodology study for most of its waiver services.¹ As a result of this study, DMS is making amendments to all six 1915(c) waivers. In the Michelle P. 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 Michelle P. 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](#).

DMS recognizes that the current MPW application document includes services that are not currently funded and / or available to participants per Kentucky Administrative Regulation. These services include Community Access, Community Guide, Community Transition, Consultative Clinical and Therapeutic Services, Natural Supports Training, Person Centered Coaching, Shared Living, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, and Vehicle Adaptations. DMS is required to keep these services in the waiver application document temporarily to comply with federal Maintenance of Effort requirements as defined in Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Once the Maintenance of Effort requirements have expired, DMS plans to remove these services to address any potential stakeholder confusion. **This proposed amendment will not change the list of services that are funded and / or currently available to waiver participants, including Community Living Supports.**

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Appendix A Waiver Administration and Operation	No Changes
Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility	No Changes

¹ Please note DMS did not include Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy in the HCBS rate methodology study. The Cabinet is currently exploring options to further examine reimbursement rates for these services and will provide an update in the near future.

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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 <i>Respite</i> from a cost-based service limit to a unit-based service limit. Updating the <i>Financial Management Services</i> units and service limit from 15-minute unit with an 8 unit service limit to a “per month” unit.
Appendix D Participant Centered Service Planning and Delivery	No Changes
Appendix E Participant Direction of Services	No Changes
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

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	cost per unit" reflected in Appendix J-2-d may not fully 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., Community Living Supports).

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Addendum A. Rates for Implementation

Home-Based Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Attendant Care	MPW	15-minute	\$6.36
Community Living Supports	MPW	15-minute	\$6.70
Community Living Supports with 50% supplemental add-on*	MPW	15-minute	\$8.31
Homemaker	MPW	15-minute	\$7.87
Homemaker with 50% supplemental add-on*	MPW	15-minute	\$9.75
Personal Care	MPW	15-minute	\$9.08
Personal Care with 50% supplemental add-on*	MPW	15-minute	\$11.25
Respite	MPW	15-minute	\$5.92

*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	MPW	15-minute	\$3.82
Adult Day Training	MPW	15-minute	\$3.62

Behavioral Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Behavioral Support Service	MPW	15-minute	\$40.23

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Case Management

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

Supported Employment

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Supported Employment	MPW	15-minute	\$10.54

Miscellaneous Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Financial Management Services	MPW	Monthly	\$121.00