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Supports for Community Living (SCL) 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 SCL 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 SCL 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](#).

SCL Waiver Updates	
Appendix A Waiver Administration and Operation	No Changes
Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified reserved slots to include 10 slots per year for Money Follows the Person transitions.
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 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

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SCL 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., Community Access).

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Addendum A. Rates for Implementation

Home-Based Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Community Access, Individual	SCL	15-minute	\$10.65
Community Access, Individual with 50% supplemental add-on*	SCL	15-minute	\$13.20
Community Access, Group	SCL	15-minute	\$5.32
Community Access, Group with 50% supplemental add-on*	SCL	15-minute	\$6.60
Community Guide	SCL	15-minute	\$10.65
Community Guide with 50% supplemental add-on*	SCL	15-minute	\$13.20
Personal Assistance	SCL	15-minute	\$7.37
Personal Assistance 50% supplemental add-on*	SCL	15-minute	\$9.14
Respite	SCL	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 Training	SCL	15-minute	\$3.62
Day Training, Licensed Adult Day Health Center	SCL	15-minute	\$3.99

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Behavioral Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Counseling, Individual)	SCL	15-minute	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Dietary)	SCL	15-minute	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Behavioral)	SCL	15-minute	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Functional Assessment)	SCL	15-minute	\$29.95
Person-Centered Coaching	SCL	15-minute	\$7.66
Positive Behavior Support Plan	SCL	Per Plan	\$885.12

Residential Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Residential Support, Level I, 4-8 residents	SCL	24-hour	\$215.09
Residential Support, Level I, 3 or less residents	SCL	24-hour	\$284.57
Residential Support, Level II, 12+ hours supervision	SCL	24-hour	\$198.70
Residential Support, Level II, Less than 12 hours supervision	SCL	24-hour	\$129.91
Shared Living	SCL	Monthly	\$726.00
Technology Assisted Residential	SCL	24-hour	\$105.15

Case Management

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

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Supported Employment

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Supported Employment	SCL	15-minute	\$13.65

Miscellaneous Services

Service	Waiver	Unit	Rate Planned for Implementation
Financial Management Services	SCL	Monthly	\$121.00
Transportation	SCL	Per Trip	\$320.65