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**Public Notice**  
**Public Comment Period for Amendment to Kentucky's**  
**1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers**  
**August 14, 2024**

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is notifying stakeholders of the start of a formal public comment period for all six (6) of Kentucky's 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

The formal public comment period begins **August 14, 2024**. DMS will **receive comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern on September 13, 2024**. The formal public comment period is being held in accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(f), in which CMS requires states to engage their stakeholders before submitting substantive waiver changes for approval.

**Proposed Waiver Amendments**

DMS is amending all six (6) waivers to permanently incorporate new rates based on the findings of the 1915(c) HCBS waiver rate study and the funding for rate increases the Kentucky Legislature approved in the 2024-2026 state budget.

The amended waiver applications are available for review. Due to the size of the waiver application, DMS also posted summaries of specific updates to help stakeholders easily identify areas of review. All materials are available on the DMS Division of Long-Term Services and Supports website at <https://bit.ly/KYMedicaidLTSSInfo>.

**How to Make a Public Comment**

To submit an official public comment during the formal public comment period, please use one of the following methods of submission:

1. **Email:** Please submit comments by email to [MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov](mailto:MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov)
2. **Phone:** Please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614. A DMS staff member will record your comments for review.
3. **Mail:** Department for Medicaid Services  
Division of Long-Term Services and Supports  
Attn: 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Public Comment  
275 E. Main St., 6W-B  
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For the formal public comment period, please provide the following information with your submission.

1. Contact Information

- If you are **commenting as an individual**, please submit contact information.
- If you are **commenting on behalf of a provider**, please include the provider name and your contact information.
- If you are **commenting on behalf of an organization or association**, include the organization's name and your contact information.

2. Comment

- You may submit comments on the waiver as a whole or on specific parts of the waiver. When providing specific comments, please be clear on which areas you are commenting on. **Please, do not include personal health information in your comments. Your comments may be shared publicly.**

### **What Happens After I Make a Public Comment?**

DMS will review and publicly respond to comments received between August 14, 2024, and September 13, 2024, as part of the waiver amendment process.

DMS is dedicated to recognizing and considering stakeholder input at any time. It is important to note that DMS continuously accepts comments about the waiver programs. Comments submitted before August 14, 2024, and after September 13, 2024, are addressed through DMS staff interaction.

You can request this document or the amended waiver applications in paper form by contacting the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at [1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov](mailto:1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov) or by calling (844) 784-5614.