



What Does This Mean to Me?
Model II Waiver Renewal Approval – June 2021

On June 24, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the renewal of the Model II Waiver (MIIW). To continue providing MIIW services, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) must renew the waiver every five (5) years. This renewal takes effect immediately. DMS made some updates to MIIW, which are detailed in the table below. The full approved MIIW application is available for review at <https://bit.ly/kyMIIWapp>.

If you have questions about MIIW policy, contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at (844) 784-5614 or 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov.

Model II Waiver Updates	
Appendix A: Waiver Operations and Administration	No changes.
Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility	The patient liability standard was changed from 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 300% FPL to reduce or eliminate patient liability for most waiver participants. This change took effect on January 1, 2020.
Appendix C: Participant Services	All MIIW services were expanded to include private duty nursing agencies as a provider type.
Appendix D: Participant Centered Service Planning and Delivery	Case management standards were updated to align with best practices and the new service authorization policy introduced in late 2019.
Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services	No changes. This appendix is not applicable because MIIW does not offer the participant-directed services delivery model.
Appendix F: Participant Rights	DMS introduced a method for waiver participants to report complaints and grievances using the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk.
Appendix G: Participant Safeguards	Incident reporting and investigation procedures were updated to reflect the streamlined process introduced in summer 2019 and the switch to electronic incident reporting via the Medicaid Waiver Management Application introduced in late 2020.
Appendix H: Quality Systems Improvement	No changes.
Appendix I: Financial Accountability	No changes.
Appendix J: Cost-Neutrality Demonstration	No changes.