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Kentucky HEALTH Pulse

Your source for updates about the Kentucky HEALTH program



Check out the responses to comments submitted during the recent Federal Public Comment Period

The June 29, 2018 legal decision requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reconsider all aspects and potential impacts of the Kentucky HEALTH program. CMS is **actively reconsidering the waiver**, and in doing so, decided to open a Federal Public Comment Period from July 19, 2018 - August 18, 2018. During this time, more than 11,000 comments were shared with CMS from a variety of stakeholders.

The Kentucky HEALTH team reviewed the comments and **tracked the most common themes, points of feedback, and misconceptions**. In an effort to address misconceptions and questions, the team has published **Official Responses to Public Comment Period (7/19/18 - 8/18/18)**, which address information about PATH Community Engagement, Medically Frail, cost sharing, suspensions from Kentucky HEALTH, and more.

Please check out the **Official Responses to Public Comment Period (7/19/18 - 8/18/18)**, as it is a great



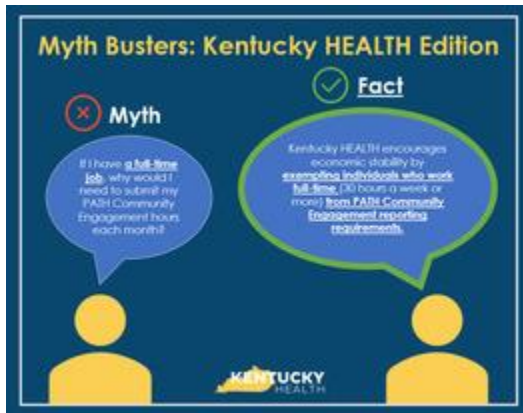
Next Stakeholder Advisory Forum in Somerset on Oct. 4, 2018

As you may know, the Kentucky HEALTH team has been hosting Stakeholder Advisory Forums each month in different areas across the Commonwealth. The next Stakeholder Advisory Forum is **Thursday, October 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST** in the Ballroom at **The Center for Rural Development** in Somerset, KY.

The forum will also be shared via Facebook livestream from the [Kentucky HEALTH Facebook page](#). This event will be a great opportunity to hear an update about Kentucky HEALTH, including the following topics:

- Information about the effects of the June 29, 2018 legal decision and current status of the program
 - Anticipated timeline for Kentucky HEALTH moving forward
 - Opportunity to ask questions
- ...and more!

tool for understanding many details related to Kentucky HEALTH!



Have you seen Myth Busters: Kentucky HEALTH Edition?

In addition to the Public Comment Responses, the Kentucky HEALTH team recently published the **Myth vs. Fact** one-pager to clarify common misconceptions that appeared in the recent Federal Public Comment period. Check it out!

In addition, the Kentucky HEALTH team recently launched the Myth Busters: Kentucky HEALTH Edition social media campaign to address common misconceptions. We encourage you to **follow Kentucky HEALTH on Facebook and Twitter** and **spread the word by sharing our posts.**



Kentucky HEALTH Program Status Update available now!



Reminder: Kentucky Medicaid Open Enrollment begins on November 1, 2018

Did you know that Medicaid beneficiaries can change their Managed Care Organization (MCO) during Open Enrollment each year? Beneficiaries who are interested in potentially changing their MCO can visit benefind.ky.gov, visit a local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office, or talk to a local Assister for more information.

Open Enrollment for the Kentucky Medicaid 2019 plan year will take place from November 1 - November 30, 2018.

Please note that new beneficiaries can enroll in Medicaid and choose an MCO at any time, but for beneficiaries who are already receiving Medicaid, Open Enrollment is the only opportunity to change their MCO.



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The June 29, 2018 legal decision halted many months of meticulous planning. Given the delay, the Kentucky HEALTH team recognizes that many people may have questions about the current status and next steps for the program. To help clarify, the Kentucky HEALTH team recently published the [Kentucky HEALTH Program Status Update \(September 27, 2018\)](#). This document includes important information – in a digestible, bullet point format – about what will happen if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves the waiver.

We encourage you to **review the document and use the information as talking points** to respond to questions you receive about the status of the Kentucky HEALTH program.

Thank you for your help addressing comments and questions about the program!

receiving the latest information about Kentucky HEALTH.

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