



PATH Community Engagement

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the PATH Community Engagement requirement?

PATH stands for “Partnering to Advance Training and Health,” and refers to the Community Engagement requirement of Kentucky HEALTH. Some Kentucky HEALTH recipients will need to participate in 80 hours each month of PATH Community Engagement activities to stay eligible for Medicaid benefits through Kentucky HEALTH.

The PATH Community Engagement requirement will roll out across the Commonwealth starting in July 2018. Recipients will receive a notice from Kentucky HEALTH three months before the PATH requirement begins in their local area. That will give the beneficiaries time to prepare and begin looking into available activities and resources.

How may recipients fulfill the PATH requirement?

People may complete the PATH requirement by doing 80 hours each month of employment, volunteer activities, caregiving, job training, and/or education activities. It is important to note that 80 hours of participation is the minimum. Businesses do not need to limit their employment hours to 20 per week. Approved PATH Community Engagement activities include:

- Employment
- Job skills training
- Searching for a job
- Education or training for a job
- GED classes or community college
- Community work experience
- Volunteer activities (for instance, volunteering with a local community organization or nonprofit)
- Taking care of a relative or other person with a disabling health condition
- Participating in substance use disorder treatment for a drug or alcohol addiction

Are there jobs available for Kentucky HEALTH recipients to meet their PATH requirement?

There are more than 130,000 jobs in Kentucky now. Over the next five years, there will likely be more than 400,000 job openings, especially in five key areas:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Business and information technology
- Construction trades
- Healthcare
- Transportation and logistics



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Who is required to participate in PATH Community Engagement?

Many adult Kentucky HEALTH beneficiaries will be required to complete 80 hours of approved PATH activities each month to retain their Medicaid benefits through Kentucky HEALTH. However, several groups of Kentucky HEALTH recipients will **NOT** have a PATH Community Engagement requirement, including:

- Children
- Pregnant women
- Individuals who have been determined medically frail
- Former foster youth up to age 26
- Primary caregivers (only one person per household can be exempt from the PATH Community Engagement requirement because they are the primary caregiver)
- Full-time students

People who are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and are meeting work requirements for either of those programs are **ALREADY MEETING** the PATH requirement. SNAP or TANF recipients will not need to do any additional activities to meet their PATH Community Engagement requirement. That said, SNAP and TANF recipients may be able to earn My Rewards virtual dollars for completing job enhancement activities.

What happens if someone does not complete and report their PATH hours?

If the Kentucky HEALTH recipient does not meet their PATH Community Engagement requirement, they have one additional grace month to complete and report 80 PATH hours for the past month — in addition to the 80 hours required for the current month. For example, if, at the end August, an individual only has 60 PATH hours reported for August, the person has all of September to complete and log the 20 hours missing from August. During this time, the person must still complete 80 hours towards their PATH requirement for September.

If the recipient does not catch up on hours during the grace period month, they will be suspended from Medicaid benefits, until:

1. After the grace period month, they successfully complete a month of PATH requirements and report the hours at **CitizenConnect.ky.gov** (80 hours in a 30-day period); **OR**
2. They complete a special re-entry course.

The Kentucky HEALTH beneficiary will resume receiving Medicaid benefits once they have completed one of the courses of action described above.



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What resources are available for people who live in economically depressed areas?

Kentucky HEALTH is partnering with Local Workforce Development Boards to identify resources that will help beneficiaries meet program requirements, gain practical skills, and obtain necessary training to successfully navigate the program. The Kentucky HEALTH team welcomes community-based suggestions and solutions to local barriers.

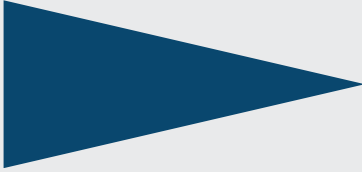
If someone can't get to a Kentucky Career Center (KCC), how can they learn more about high-demand jobs?

There are many high-demand jobs in Kentucky that do not need a college degree, but that do need a high school diploma or GED and some skills training. Visit HelpWantedKY.com to learn about short-term certification programs at community and technical colleges nearby that can help people qualify for these jobs. People can earn the certificate they need in 16-80 weeks, while the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship pays their tuition costs. In addition, people can search for jobs on Focus at FocusCareer.ky.gov.

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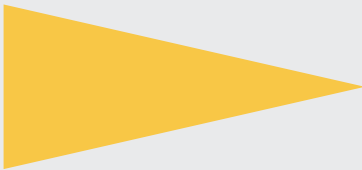
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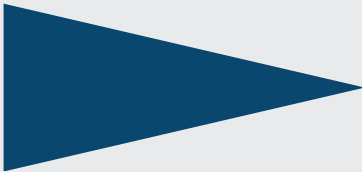
Log in to ***benefind.ky.gov*** or call 1-855-306-8959 to update your mailing address.

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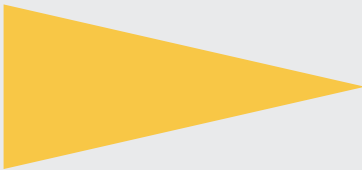
Visit ***KentuckyHEALTH.ky.gov*** to see if the PATH Community Engagement requirement is for you. If you have to participate, you will receive information in the mail before this program starts in your community.

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Think about how you will meet your PATH Community Engagement requirement. Options include job skills training, looking for a job, education, GED classes, employment, volunteering, taking care of someone with a disabling health condition, or getting treatment for substance use disorder.

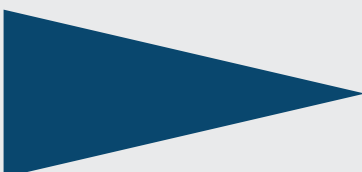
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Visit a Kentucky Career Center (KCC) to learn about education, training and job openings in your area, or go online to:

- Research high-demand Kentucky careers at ***HelpWantedKY.com***;
- Search jobs at ***FocusCareer.ky.gov***; **OR**
- Schedule an appointment with a career coach at ***CitizenConnect.ky.gov***.

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Access your Citizen Connect account at ***CitizenConnect.ky.gov*** to learn about PATH Community Engagement and to search for volunteer activities.