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KENTUCKY CABINET FOR  
HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

# Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee

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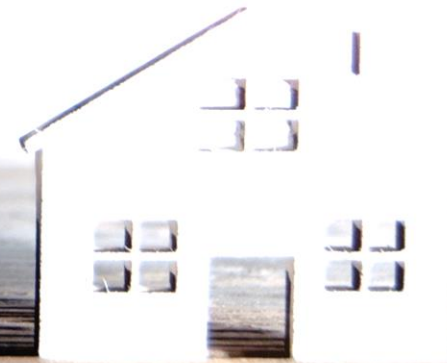
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# Medicaid and Housing

- Basic and stable housing is essential to an individual's health and well-being
- Homelessness
  - Chronic
  - Situational
- Challenges in the Medicaid population
  - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
  - Traditional Medicaid
  - Aging population

# Medicaid and Housing

- Medicaid does not cover room and board, rent, or other payments related to obtaining housing
- Medicaid does cover services provided in residential settings in the SCL and ABI waivers
- There are currently 3 levels of supervision related to services provided in residential settings based on the member's assessed level of care



# Medicaid and Housing

- Supports for Community Living (SCL) and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) providers deliver residential services in the following settings:
  - Family home
  - Group homes
  - Staffed residences
- Issues related to staffing:
  - Competition among providers
  - Reimbursement levels

# ARPA Funds

- From DMS Spending Application:
  - Affordable safe housing continues to be one of the largest barriers to individuals being transitioned from institutional settings to the community.
- One-time funding opportunity to explore; developing an infrastructure to support housing for older adults and individuals with physical disabilities:
  - Assisted living
  - Shared living
  - Technology-supported residential settings

# Assisted Living Services

- Many states are covering AL services through 1915(c) waiver, 1115 demonstration or through state plan authority
- Kentucky Medicaid does not offer AL services; stakeholders have asked DMS to explore this option
  - Conducting research
  - Talking to state partners, particularly Indiana
- Kentucky has 1,115 assisted living facilities

# Assisted Living Payments

- Mostly private pay
- Indiana covers services in their Aged and Disabled Waiver as well as their Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver
- Individual liability – normally individuals must pay their entire social security payment except for a small personal needs allowance

# Assisted Living Services

(from Indiana Presentation)

- It is not a nursing facility
- It is not what most people think of as a home-based service
- Payment is less
- Care provided is often less
- Usually, more freedom
- Often rooms are not shared
- Medicaid not a major pay source
- No artificial limit on rooms
- Perception not always reality



- Should we consider AL services as part of our HCBS waivers or separately?
- If so, will AL services address our housing issues?
- What data is necessary to assess AL services impact on the Medicaid program:
  - Members?
  - Providers?
  - Budget?