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**Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee
Medicaid Waivers Update**

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Presentation to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee

1915(C) HCBS WAIVER PROGRAM UPDATES

1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers...

... are designed to give individuals with disabilities an alternative to institutionalization.

... should complement available state Medicaid program services, public programs, and family/community supports to meet an individual's unique needs.

... should allow an individual to live safely in the community. If an individual's needs exceed what can be safely provided in the community, he or she may not be appropriate for waiver services.

Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waivers: The Basics

ABI & ABI LTC: For individuals aged 18 or older with an acquired brain injury

Acquired
Brain
Injury
(ABI)

Acquired
Brain Injury
Long Term
Care
(ABI LTC)

HCB: For individuals aged 65 and older or individuals of any age with a physical disability

Home and
Community
Based (HCB)

Model II
Waiver
(MIIW)

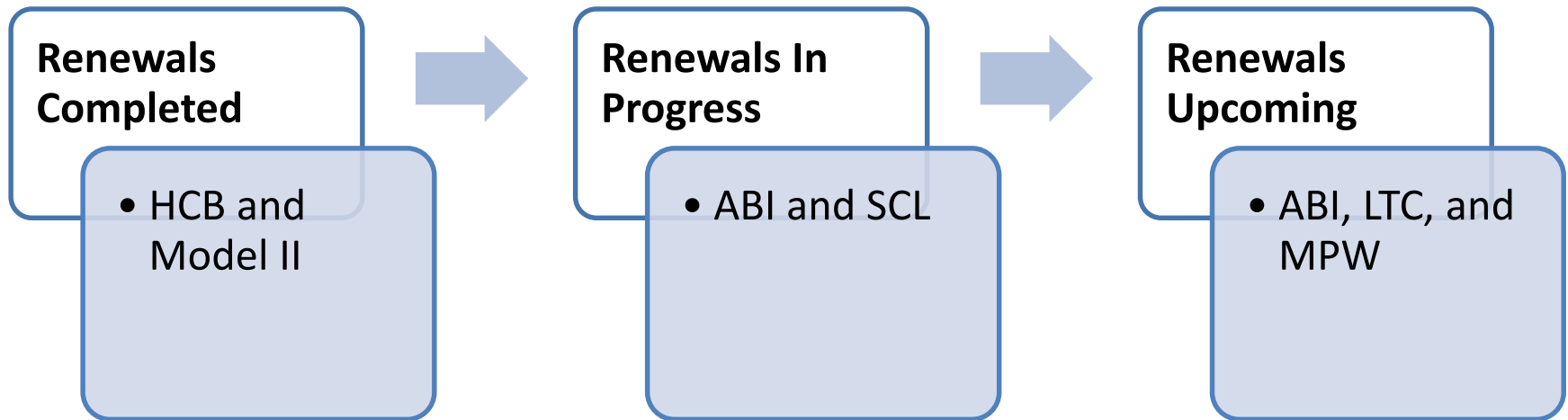
MIIW: For individuals dependent on a ventilator 12 or more hours a day or on an active, physician monitored weaning program

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Waiver
(MPW)

Supports for
Community
Living (SCL)

MPW & SCL: For individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Renewals



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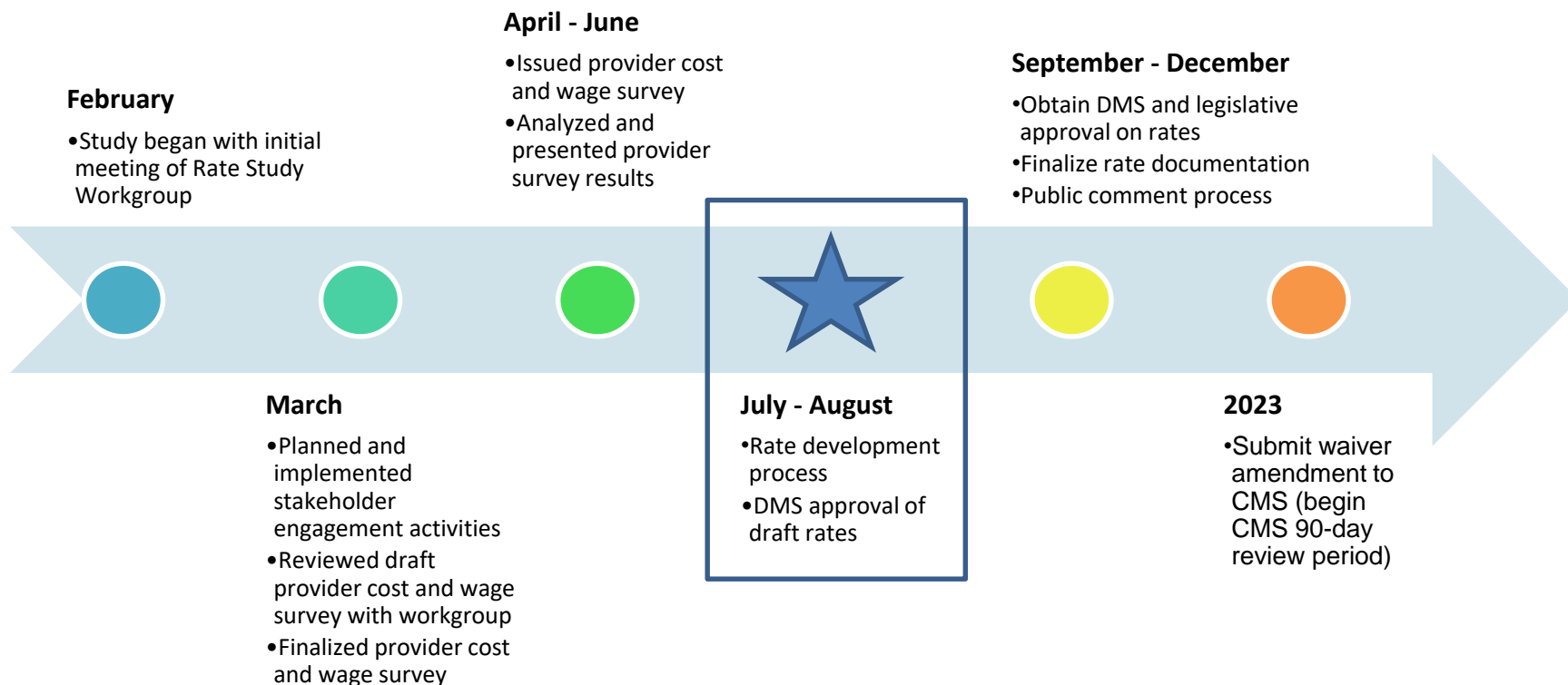
CMS requires a waiver renewal every five years.

Updates include clarifying waiver policy, aligning the waiver application to Kentucky administrative regulations (KAR), and better describing current waiver processes.

More substantive changes will be made post-rate study through KAR and waiver amendments.

1915(c) HCBS Rate Study

Progress and Timeline



1915(c) HCBS Rate Study

Survey Response

Survey was available for four weeks from April 7 to May 6, 2022

188 surveys submitted – a 64% response rate

Response rate is a 75% increase over previous rate study survey conducted in 2019

Provider support: virtual training and “office hours”, written guide and FAQ, and dedicated email address for rates study questions

ARPA Funds and Provider Rate Increase

DMS has submitted updated enhanced FMAP spending plan to CMS

- 50% for residential services in ABI and SCL
- 10% for all non-residential services in ABI, ABI LTC, HCB, SCL and MPW
- Model II waiver services not included in rate increase

The updated spending plan outlines use of ARPA funds for the provider rate increase approved by Kentucky legislature

- Temporary rate increases will be made through Appendix K while rate study is completed
- Long-term rate changes will be implemented through waiver and KAR updates following completion of rate study

Remaining initiatives in the original spending plan will not advance at this time

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1115 WAIVER UPDATES

Current Kentucky 1115 Authority

- The current Kentucky 1115 demonstration authority is set to expire on September 30, 2023.
- CMS requires an extension request one year prior to the end of the demonstration; extension request due by September 30, 2022.

Pending Substance Use Disorder (SUD) 1115 Incarceration Amendment

- November 2020: Amendment submitted to CMS
 - Amendment was added to the CMS/DMS monthly SUD 1115 Agenda
- January 2021: Discussions regarding budget neutrality configuration
- Next Steps:
 - Continue to work with CMS regarding the state's options and best approach
 - Currently working with contractor to assist in developing budget neutrality workbook; state expects to submit to CMS in July

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SMI/SED WAIVER UPDATES

SMI/SED Waiver

- 2020: Research and initial inquiries with CMS
- 2021:
 - Lead staff person employed in September
 - Completed TA with State Health Value Strategies and Manatt
 - Meetings with SMI/SED stakeholders across the state to gauge needs and collect feedback
 - Ongoing waiver research to compare other states waivers; including authorities and implementation strategies
 - Established Health and Housing Supportive Housing Collaborative with KY Housing Corporation and CHFS

SMI/SED Waiver Cont'd

- 2022: Expanded collaboratives:
 - Supported Employment consultation and learning collaborative with Vocational Rehabilitation and Individual Placement and Support (IPS)
 - Discussions with state advocacy groups and Medical Respite providers
- Senate Joint Resolution 72 (2022RS)
- Next steps:
 - Create service enhancement models
 - Consult CMS
 - Finalize waiver application adding a housing benefit
 - Submit application



Questions