



Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers

Adult Day Health Services, Solutions & the Workforce Crisis

1915(c) Waiver Redesign Taskforce

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Attendant Care

907 KAR 7:010 Definition : An attendant care service shall provide care that consists of:

- General household activities including a. Cleaning; b. Cooking; or c. Chores;
- Personal care services including assistance with: a. Bathing; b. Grooming; c. Dressing; d. Eating; e. Toileting; f. Transferring; g. Assistance with self-administration of medication; or h. Ambulation; or
- Transporting a participant to a needed place as specified in the participant's person-centered service plan including: a. A grocery; b. A pharmacy; or c. An appointment.



- Definitions of Services and Qualifying Criteria-
House Bill 564 (2020)

We ask that the Task Force direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to maintain the current definition (907 KAR 7:010) of Attendant Care services as supported in the language of HB 564 in 2020 passed by both chambers and vetoed by the Governor.

The Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers is opposed to changing the current qualifying definition and current service definition of Adult Day Health Care and Attendant Care in the HCBW. Eliminating Attendant Care and reverting back to the antiquated “Homemaking” and “Personal Care” model definition while dramatically decreasing the hours of service will eliminate the progress we have made in preventing premature Nursing Facility placement. Changing the qualifying criteria would essentially render all but a few current attendant care recipients ineligible for services.



Funding of 1915 c Waiver Services that include Adult Day Health Care and Attendant Care

We request the task force recommend the following:

- **Immediate funding**— The task force shall direct CHFS to utilize HCBS-ARPA funds to implement immediate rate increases for all waivers.
- On September 24th KAAD testified before the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources and requested a 10% rate increase in the 2022 Budget that is in addition to the Federal funding that we are asking you to direct the Cabinet to immediately release.
- We support increased funding for all 1915(c) waiver programs and a long-term solution to stabilize funding for all providers. Without a stable funding solution, we are all left to request funding for each individual program.



The Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers would like to thank the Task Force for the opportunity to testify today.

Questions?