



CABINET FOR HEALTH
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**BR Subcommittee on Health and Family Services
Update on 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waivers**

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Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)

Administered by DMS

Home and Community Based (HCB)

Administered by DAIL

Michelle P. Waiver (MPW)

Administered by DBHDID

Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC)

Administered by DMS

Model II Waiver (MIIW)

Administered by DMS

Supports for Community Living (SCL)

Administered by DBHDID

Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Overview

Waiver	Population Served	Waiver Effective Date	Last Amendment	Waiver Expiration Date
Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)	The ABI waiver program assists individuals with acquired brain injuries to function independently within their communities by providing intensive rehabilitation services that enable participants to remain in or return to the community in the least restrictive setting possible. Services are available to those aged 18 or older.	May 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	April 30, 2029
Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC)	The ABI LTC waiver program provides services and supports to individuals with an acquired brain injury who have reached a plateau in their rehabilitation and still require maintenance services to live safely in the community. This program complements Kentucky's other ABI waiver, which is focused on intensive rehabilitation. Services are available to those aged 18 or older.	May 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	April 30, 2029
Home and Community Based (HCB)	The HCB waiver provides services to help elderly participants and adults and children with disabilities stay in their homes and remain an integral part of their communities. Services are offered through licensed home health agencies and adult day health care centers.	August 1, 2025	January 1, 2025	July 31, 2030
Michelle P. Waiver (MPW)	The MPW waiver provides personalized community-based services to support individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in their community and prevent them from being admitted to Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) or Nursing Facilities.	May 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	April 30, 2029
Model II Waiver (MIIW)	The MIIW offers services to participants who use a ventilator for 12 or more hours a day to prevent institutionalization. The program provides in-home skilled services from licensed practical nurses.	October 1, 2025	January 1, 2025	September 30, 2030
Supports for Community Living (SCL)	The SCL waiver provides personalized community-based services to support individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in their communities and prevent them from being admitted to Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).	May 1, 2025	January 1, 2025	April 30, 2029

* In accordance with HB695 requirements, the Cabinet is proposing waiver application renewals be worked 2 years prior required renewal date.

1915(c) HCBS Waiver: Slot Allocations

Current HCBS 1915(c) Waiver Enrollment and Waitlist Data as of 9/2/2025 (SFY26)

Waiver	Funded Slots	Filled Slots	Allocated Slots	Available*	Total on Waitlist
ABI Acute	383	269	32	82	0
ABI LTC	488	442	27	19	0
HCB	17,800	16,083	574	1,143	5,360
Model II	100	14	15	71	0
MPW	11,350	9,981	346	1,023	9,686
SCL	5,416	5,005	54	357	3,742
Total	35,537	31,794	1,048	2,695	18,788
Total Number on Waitlist Across All Waivers – Unduplicated					16,373

*Available reflects SFY26 new slot allocations effective July 1, 2025: HCB – 500, MPW – 500, SCL – 250

*Available slots also include Money Follows the Person and Kentucky Transitions reserved slots.

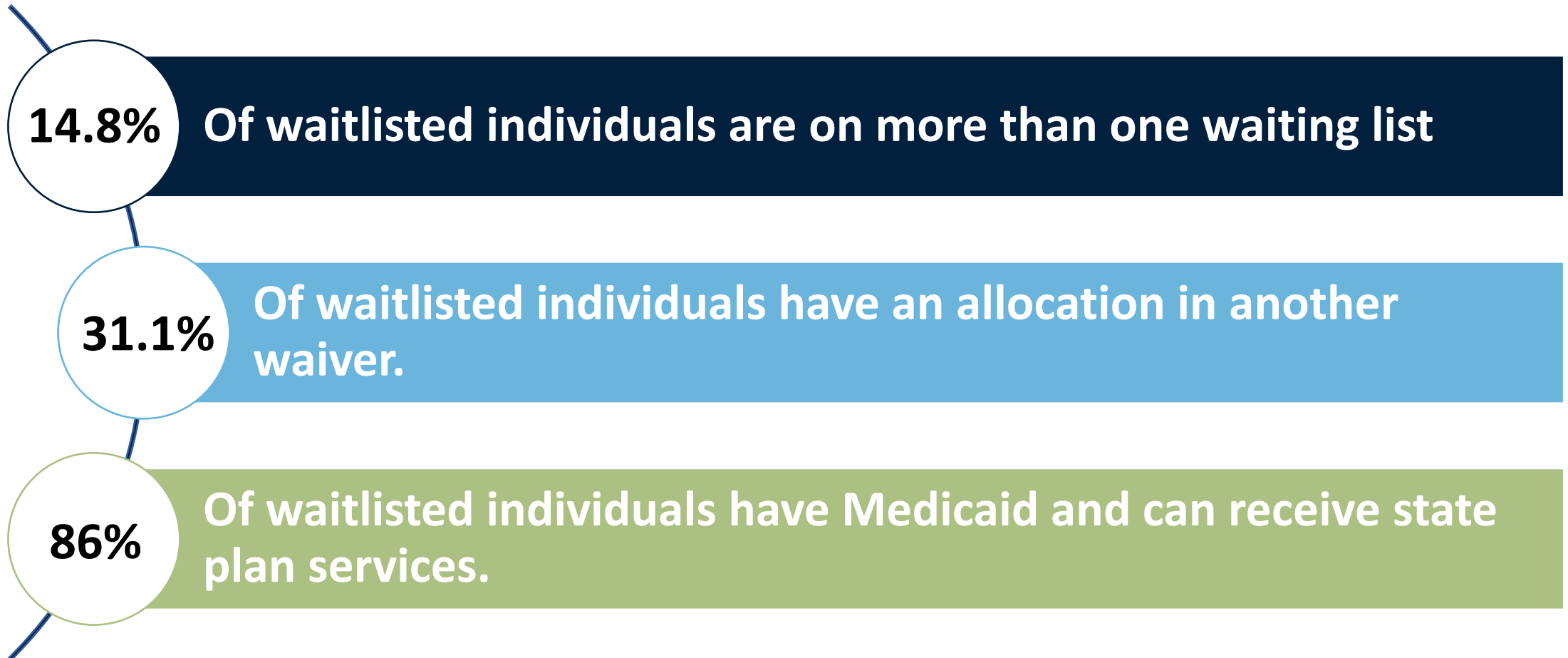
1915(c) HCBS Waiver: Waitlist Information

Waitlist by Timeframe

Waiver	Less than 6 months	6 months – 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	>5 years
HCB	4,220	1,140	0	0	0	0	0
MPW	929	774	1,642	1,396	1,093	870	2,982
SCL	273	190	482	417	237	220	1,923

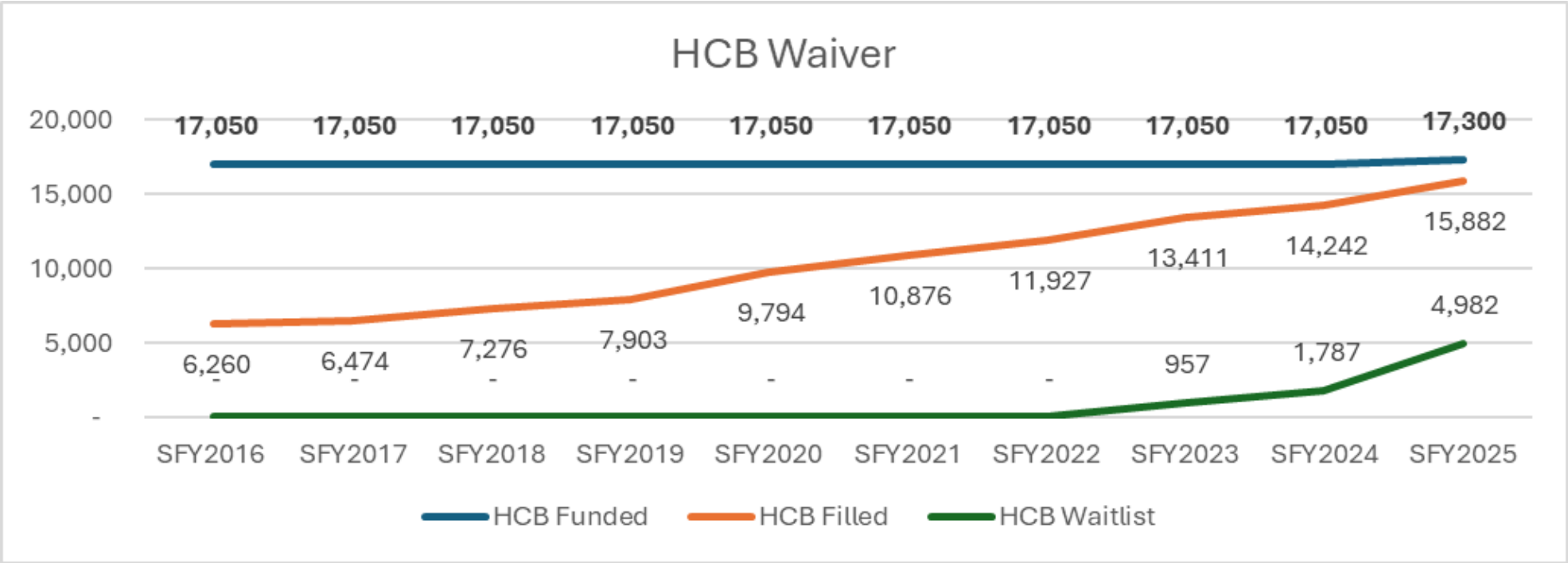
Waiver	Max. Days on Wait List	Avg. Days on Waitlist
HCB	243	119
MPW	3,133	1,274
SCL	10,938	2,830

Complexity of Waiting Lists

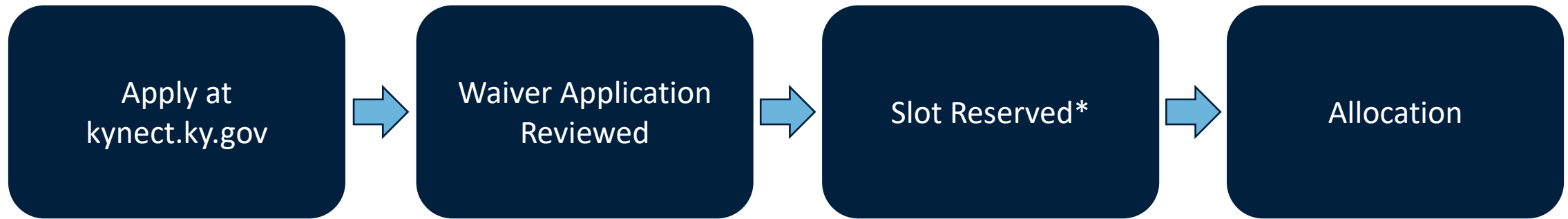


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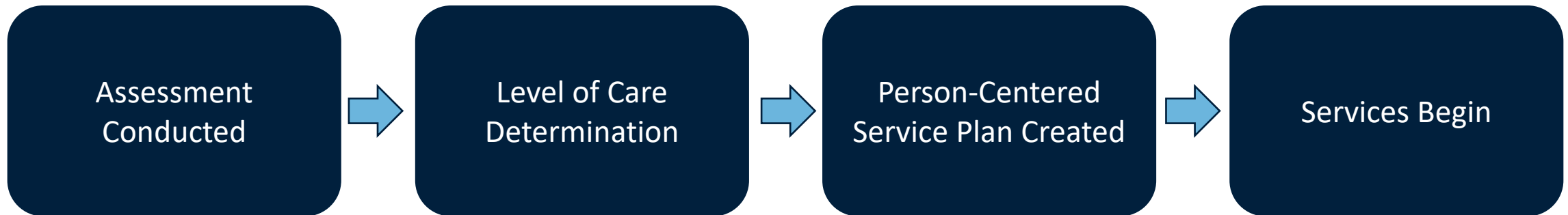
1915(c) HCB Waiver Growth








From Waiver Application to Services



*Some waivers currently have waiting lists. Individuals who qualify will be placed on the list.



2023 Task Force Improvements Updates

2023 Task Force Report: Operational Area	#	2023 Task Force Report: Opportunity for Improvement	Status	Current Update:
Eligibility and Enrollment (including Waitlist Management)	2.1	Conduct an assessment to modernize and standardize the waitlist management process across waivers in alignment with emerging federal guidance.		*The Cabinet conducted two key workgroups to assess Kentucky's current functional assessment tools and identify options for waitlist modernization. Regulations have been drafted to clarify and improve the waiver eligibility processes
Participant-Centered Service Planning and Case Management	3.1	Provide wraparound supports (e.g., training, technical assistance) for HCBS waiver providers as they reinstate person-centered service planning meetings in-person.		The requirements for face-to-face and in-home visits, has been integrated with the allowance for telehealth visits on a quarterly basis.
Provider Certification and Monitoring	6.1	Develop interagency staff workgroup to conduct provider certifications.		Provider Certification, re-certification, and annual monitoring, is conducted in collaboration with DMS and the administering sister agency. Established monthly meetings between agencies as workgroups to identify and implement process improvements.
Data Management and Validation	9.1	Develop a shared methodology and resource to document data definitions and locations.		*The Cabinet developed a spreadsheet capturing details related to data dictionary for performance measures. The 1915c Processes and Improvements workgroup will be reviewing recommended data dictionary prior to publishing to the Medicaid Waiver Management Application (MWMA) system.
Quality Improvement System	10.1	Improve cross-agency coordination of quality performance measure data collection and evaluation.		*The 1915c Processes and Improvements workgroup is reviewing quality performance measures and data collection requirements.

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2024 Waitlist Management Report Updates

Recommendation	Implementation Timeline	Status	Current Update:
Align Waitlist Administrative Regulations and Policies Across Waivers: The Cabinet will implement policy changes to confirm waitlist management processes and requirements are aligned across all HCBS waiver programs and streamlined for waivers that share target populations.	Oct. 2024 – Mar. 2027 (29 months)		<p>*The Cabinet conducted two key workgroups to assess Kentucky's current functional assessment tools and identify options for waitlist modernization.</p> <p>Regulations have been drafted to clarify and improve the waiver eligibility processes.</p> <p>The Cabinet reviews data monthly to identify people on more than one waiting list, and number of people receiving services in one waiver while being on the waiting list for another waiver.</p>
Standardize Waiver Application and Eligibility Review Process: The Cabinet will enhance wait list information gathering processes to confirm waiver eligibility prior to placing individuals on the waitlists and allow for urgency of need review to prioritize slot allocation to individuals with the highest level of need.	Oct. 2024 – Aug. 2026 (23 months)		<p>*The 1915c Processes and Improvements workgroup is reviewing previous workgroup recommendations regarding for options for waitlist modernization.</p>
Modernize Waitlist Management Data Collection Systems: The Cabinet will integrate data collection and analysis into available tools to develop a publicly available wait list data dashboard. The dashboard will help the Cabinet deliver data driven updates to CMS, the Kentucky General Assembly, individuals on the waitlists, and other public stakeholders (e.g., advocacy groups). A dashboard will also help the State meet Federal Requirements per the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule.	Oct. 2024 – Aug. 2026 (23 months)		<p>*The Cabinet developed a spreadsheet capturing details related to data dictionary for performance measures. The 1915c Processes and Improvements workgroup will be reviewing recommended performance measures to ensure alignment to the Access to Medicaid Services Final Rules.</p>

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Questions?

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