

205.5371 Community engagement waiver program.

- (1) The cabinet, to the extent permitted under federal law, shall implement a mandatory community engagement waiver program for able-bodied adults without dependents who have been enrolled in the state's medical assistance program for more than twelve (12) months.
- (2) If the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the implementation of a mandatory community engagement waiver program pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) The program may, for the purpose of defining qualifying community engagement activities, utilize the same requirements established in 7 C.F.R. sec. 273.24;
 - (b) Participation in the job placement assistance program established in KRS 151B.420 shall constitute qualifying community engagement activities; and
 - (c) The cabinet shall, on a monthly basis, provide the Education and Labor Cabinet with the name and contact information of each individual participating in the community engagement program.
- (3)
 - (a) The cabinet is hereby authorized, as is required under KRS 205.5372, and is directed to submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requesting approval to establish the mandatory community engagement waiver program for able-bodied adults without dependents described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section within ninety (90) days after March 27, 2025.
 - (b) As required in KRS 205.525, the cabinet shall provide a copy and summary of the waiver application submitted pursuant to this section to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board, the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, and the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services concurrent with submitting the application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and shall provide an update on the status of the application at least quarterly.
- (4) As used in this section, "able-bodied adult without dependents" means an individual who is:
 - (a) Over eighteen (18) years of age but under sixty (60) years of age;
 - (b) Physically and mentally able to work as determined by the cabinet; and
 - (c) Not primarily responsible for the care of a dependent child under the age of eighteen (18) or a dependent disabled adult relative.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/2022). 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 236 merged the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Labor Cabinet into the newly created Education and Labor Cabinet. Under the authority of KRS 7.136(2), a reference to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet in this statute has been changed to the Education and Labor Cabinet in codification to conform.