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## VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 564 OF THE 2020 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 564 of the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing this bill because it imposes a requirement on all of Kentucky's Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs. There is one waiver program, the Model II waiver, that does not need this new requirement, as it provides assistance to individuals who use a ventilator for 12 or more hours a day to allow them to live in the community as independently as possible. Changes in waiver programs must be approved by the federal government and this mandated requirement would result in a state financial burden. All of the remaining home and community-based waiver programs incorporate similar services imposed by this bill. Moreover, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is working on a redesign of these waivers to ensure the services sought by this bill are standardized and do not jeopardize federal approval or financial participation.

This the 2 day of April, 2020.

Andy Beshear Governor

