

# 2019 Kentucky Rural Health Clinic Summit

Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Department for Medicaid Services

# Kentucky HEALTH 1115 Demonstration Wavier

- Legal Process – Appeals Court ultimately through the Supreme Court
- Implementation delayed until July 2020

# SUD 1115 Demonstration Waiver

- Changed the IMD exclusion to add beds
- Allowed for residential treatment for an average stay of 30 days
- With the waiver of Non- Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) we are beginning coverage of Methadone for the treatment of Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This will begin 7/1/19
- Allowing peer support services to be payable if the service was performed in a ER Bridge Clinic and the person has a treatment plan within 30 days of engagement.
- Allowing BHSO's to offer Partial Hospitalization.
- HB 444 eliminated the Alcohol and Other Drug Entity licensure requirement to lessen the administrative burden and allow for facilitation of SUD treatment services.
- This allows for Primary Care Clinics (FQHC's RHCs) the ability to provide the SUD treatment continuum. Methadone can only be provided in a Narcotic Treatment Program but they can provide the other medications in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

# Telehealth

- Reimbursement raised to 100%
- Regulation to be filed soon
- Telehealth Board will be abolished effective 7-1-19.
- For Medicaid, services expanded to all services for parity. Providers must be licensed in Kentucky and acting within their scope/licensure.
- Medicaid Provider Portal will track providers who identify as being telehealth providers.
- Services opening up in the home, school, other.
- Telehealth services reimbursed at the same as “in-person” services for FFS. MCOs can still negotiate.

# GME Expansion

- Baptist Health Lexington
- Baptist Health Madisonville
- Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center
- Hazard ARH
- Jewish Hospital, Inc.
- Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital
- Methodist Hospital
- Norton Hospitals, Inc.
- Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Inc.
- Pikeville Medical Center
- Saint Joseph Hospital
- St. Claire Medical Center, Inc.
- St. Elizabeth Medical Center
- T.J. Samson Community Hospital
- The Medical Center

# Medicaid in Schools

- Beginning in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, if our proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment is approved by CMS, districts across the Commonwealth will be able to leverage federal Medicaid funding to provide school-based health services.
- This includes (but is not limited to) comprehensive health screenings, therapeutic counseling for students who have experienced trauma, diabetes and asthma management, and more, to any student who is enrolled in Medicaid, rather than only to students with an IEP.
- Additionally, this opportunity will create a new source of revenue to support additional qualified health and behavioral health providers in the school setting.

# 1915(c) Update

- Goal is to provide consistency among the six waivers operated in Kentucky
- Workgroups and stakeholder involvement has been very active
- Comment period on rewritten waivers has closed. DMS is in the process of developing responses.
- Town Hall meetings are scheduled for June.  
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/1915ctownhallannouncement.pdf>

# Miscellaneous

- **Kentucky Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program (KHAMP)** – sponsored by the Department for Public Health. DMS has changed our prescriber criteria to allow primary care providers who attest to their completion of the course to prescribe Hep C treatment medications for their patients.
- **removal of prior authorizations** for buprenorphine/naloxone preferred agents up to 24 mg for all of our Medicaid beneficiaries



# MCO RFP

- RFP has been released publicly
- July 1, 2020 new MCO contracts go live
- Changes in the new contract
  - ✓ Increased accountability and oversight
  - ✓ Changes in pharmacy reimbursement and restrictions on PBM activity
  - ✓ Increased quality measures based on outcomes

Questions?