



## MEDICAID WAIVERS AND PATIENT LIABILITY

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Medicaid Waivers help people with disabilities live in the community. Kentucky has several waivers like Michelle P., Home and Community Based (HCBW), Supports for Community Living (SCL), and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). Medicaid may be charging you a monthly fee—called a patient liability—to get waiver services. Your liability may be a few dollars up to several hundred. Your case manager typically collects the fee. Medicaid may be incorrectly charging you this fee.

### **Do I have to pay a patient liability to get waiver services?**

Not all waiver recipients have to pay a patient liability. See if you are in one of the following groups. If you are, then you may not have to pay a patient liability.

- You currently get Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- You received SSI as a child or young adult and then lost SSI because you got Social Security disability benefits (SSD) from your mother, father, or other relative. This group is called childhood disability beneficiaries (CDBs).
- You were eligible for SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) at the same time. SSDI is a benefit you get from your own work record. After subtracting SSDI cost of living increases, you may still be eligible for Medicaid. This group is called the Pickle Amendment.
- You lost SSI after you went back to work and make less than \$28,086 in 2012. This group is called 1619(b).
- You lost SSI after you began receive SSD from a deceased spouse and don't get Medicare Part A. This group is called Disabled Widow Beneficiaries (DWBs).



**What should I do if I think I am in one of these groups?**

Contact your local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office. You can find your local DCBS office by calling (502) 564-3703 or visiting [https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office\\_Phone/index.aspx](https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx). Tell your DCBS worker that you might not have to pay patient liability and ask them to check the Medicaid manual.

**For more information on patient liability, please call Protection and Advocacy at (800) 372-2988 or (502) 564-2967.**

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