

2022 KVH ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2022 | EMBASSY SUITES LEXINGTON, KY



9:30AM REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00AM KEEPING KENTUCKIANS COVERED AFTER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ENDS

Since the pandemic started, more than 1.6 million Kentuckians have been covered by Medicaid. When the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends, many households will be required to renew their coverage or risk becoming uninsured. This session will provide an overview of the PHE “unwinding” process that states must follow to complete renewals, provide updates on what the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is doing to prepare for the unwinding, share new opportunities to make coverage more affordable for Kentuckians who are no longer Medicaid eligible, and describe ways that stakeholders can participate in outreach and education efforts to keep Kentuckians covered.

- **Lisa Lee**, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
- **Tricia Brooks**, Research Professor at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Children and Families

11:00AM LISTENING TO KENTUCKIANS: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT KENTUCKY'S PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND THE BENEFITS CLIFF

Kentucky's public assistance programs have been a critical part of the pandemic response and recovery. Dr. Jamila Michener will share findings from an ongoing social services study that is exploring how well public programs are working for Kentuckians, the barriers workers face in accessing or keeping benefits, and how state policies can be designed to support thriving communities.

- **Dr. Jamila Michener**, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity

12:00PM NETWORKING LUNCH AND KYLOOP DEMO

1:00PM #KYSAYS: THE REAL LIFE IMPACT OF THE BENEFITS CLIFF FOR KENTUCKIANS

Living expenses are higher than wages for more than half of Kentucky households, making public assistance programs essential for Kentuckians in low-wage jobs. Panelists will share their personal experiences in using public assistance programs, discuss the realities hardworking Kentuckians encounter with the benefits cliff, and weigh in on policy opportunities to build a stronger and more equitable safety-net to support workers and families.

- **Brandi Button-Johnson**, Graves County
- **Valerie Frost**, Clark County
- **David Townsend**, Pulaski County

2:00PM 2023 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW: ADVANCING POLICIES FOR BETTER HEALTH

State legislators will respond to the challenges Kentuckians face to achieving good health and wellbeing and discuss policy opportunities to build a more equitable Commonwealth. This dialogue will focus on how advocates can support legislation during the 2023 General Assembly to address the ongoing physical and behavioral health impact of the pandemic, improve the delivery of high-quality Medicaid services to reduce health disparities, fix the benefits cliff for working Kentuckians, and strengthen Kentucky's public health infrastructure.

- **Senator Ralph Alvarado (SD28)**, Chair of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee, Member of the Medicaid Oversight & Advisory Committee
- **Senator Karen Berg (SD26)**, Member of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee, Member of the CHFS Organizational Structure, Operations & Administration Task Force
- **Senator Stephen Meredith (SD5)**, Co-Chair of the Medicaid Oversight & Advisory Committee, Co-Chair of the CHFS Organizational Structure, Operations & Administration Task Force
- **Representative Jonathan Dixon (HD11)**, Co-Chair of the Benefits Cliff Task Force
- **Representative Samara Heavrin (HD18)**, Co-Chair of the Commission on Race & Access to Opportunity and the Early Childhood Education Task Force
- **Representative Keturah Herron (HD42)**, Member of the CHFS Organizational Structure, Operations & Administration Task Force, Member of the Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus

3:30PM KVH UPDATES & WRAP UP

DESCRIPTION

KVH's annual meeting brings together stakeholders from across the Commonwealth to explore opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of all Kentuckians. Sessions will touch on the ways in which state policies can be designed to improve access to affordable healthcare without barriers, fix the benefits cliff, build an equitable community safety net, promote civic engagement, and prepare for the 2023 General Assembly.

AUDIENCE

Health advocates, consumers, community leaders, policymakers, public employees, nonprofit organizations, frontline service providers, outreach workers, educators, researchers, faith leaders, and others who serve their communities.



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