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managed care organizations, and state officials, in addition to reviewing research and available data.

According to the findings, Medicaid enrollment has grown from roughly one-fifth to one-third of Kentuckians in recent years, while overall spending has more than doubled without measurable gains in health outcomes. Board members also cited significant federal policy changes that will impact how states operate Medicaid in the coming years.

Key concerns and recommendations include:

- Outdated administrative processes — The board called for modernized eligibility systems, improved data checks, and simplification of overlapping programs to reduce delays and provider burden.

- Compliance with federal work requirements — Federal rules now expect certain adult Medicaid beneficiaries to meet

work or community engagement standards. Kentucky's current system does not align with those expectations. The board recommended establishing clear criteria and support networks for workforce participation, while protecting beneficiaries who cannot work.

- Rising program costs — With Medicaid growth becoming increasingly expensive for the state budget, recommendations include additional cost-containment measures, regular audits, and review of duplicative or non-essential services.

X Impact of federal tax and payment reforms on providers — Upcoming federal changes will affect provider taxes and Medicaid payment programs. The board argued for a state plan to prevent disruptions in healthcare services.

- Lack of transparency — Lawmakers and the public "do not have a clear picture" of how Medicaid dollars are spent, the report states. Recommendations

include improved data access for oversight agencies and a public dashboard displaying costs, outcomes, and performance metrics.

- Inaccurate provider listings — Some providers are shown as accepting Medicaid patients despite not doing so. The board urged stricter reporting requirements, enforcement for inaccurate information, and review of provider rates, particularly in rural areas and dental care.

- Limited improvements in health outcomes — Despite growing spending, Kentucky is not seeing proportional gains in population health. Suggestions include strengthening managed care contracts, exploring new care delivery models, and improving transportation services for beneficiaries.

- Inconsistent oversight — The report recommends unified oversight structures, real-time data, standardized performance dashboards, routine

audits, and enforceable penalties for underperformance.

- Fragmented behavioral health services — The board supports transitioning to a statewide Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model to better integrate mental health, addiction, and physical healthcare services.

In summary, the board concluded that Kentucky's Medicaid program "is too complex, too expensive, and not delivering expected results," and that modernization, transparency, oversight, and alignment with federal changes are needed.

With the 2026 legislative session underway, the findings are expected to help inform Medicaid-related policy and budget decisions. Medicaid currently covers about one-third of Kentuckians and represents the state's second-largest budget expense.

The full report is available at legislature.ky.gov.

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601 Main Street, Munfordville, Kentucky, will be sold by public auction

Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM CST

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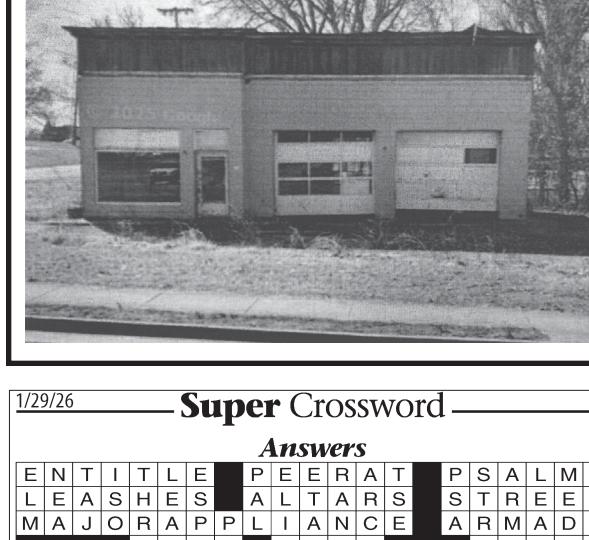
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Buyer is responsible for all costs of transfer, including but not limited to deed preparation, transfer tax, recording fees, 2026 property taxes and any taxes thereafter. Property sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties, express or implied.

A ten percent (10%) non refundable deposit required day of sale with balance due at closing within thirty (30) days of acceptance, possession with deed.

A reserve price of \$65,000.00 has been established. No bids below the reserve price will be accepted.

For more information contact City Hall at 270-524-5701.



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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Hart Circuit Court in the case listed below, the Special Master Commissioner will sell the following property located in Hart County, Kentucky at the steps of the Hart County Judicial Center in Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 11, 2026**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. (Central Time), and being more particularly described as follows:

1) 103 Yancey Avenue, Horse Cave, Kentucky 42749

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City of Horse Cave v. Heather Klein, et al.

Civil Action No. 22-CI-153

At the time of the sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for 30 days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. The down payment, in addition to either a letter of credit or acceptable surety, must be produced at the time of the sale. (The necessary surety form can be obtained at the Special Master Commissioner's office.) Said bond and/or letter of credit shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the judgment rate from the date of sale until paid. The Surety **MUST BE PRE-APPROVED** by the Special Master Commissioner's office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday immediately preceding the sale date to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.

The purchaser will be responsible for taxes for the year of the sale. The Special Master Commissioner will make a good faith effort to obtain and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years; however, this cannot be guaranteed.

The purchaser may take possession of the property pursuant to the terms of the judgment. If the judgment does not make provision for possession, the purchaser may seek possession of the property through the court system after payment of the full purchase price. The Special Master Commissioner does not have ability to grant access to or possession of the property, and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of the property.

The Special Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the property. The purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property. The Plaintiff, the Court, and the Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. The property is sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in each case which should be reviewed carefully prior to purchase.

The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Hart County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s).

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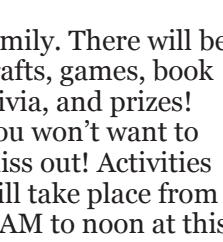
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On Saturday, February 7, 2026, Hart County Public Library will participate in the international Take Your Child to the Library Day. Now in its 15th year, this annual event is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun while parents and caregivers learn more about their library.

Take Your Child to the Library Day will showcase all the free resources local public libraries provide for families.

During our first year celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day, HCPL is offering fun for the entire

providing access to books, early literacy storytimes, technology, programming for both children and adults, safe spaces, and more.

Over 1,000 libraries will participate in Take Your Child to the Library Day this year.

To see the 2026 participating libraries, visit takeyourchildtothelibrary.org and connect with us on Facebook at [facebook.com/tycd/](https://www.facebook.com/tycd/).

Hart County Public Library helps families build solid foundations of literacy and love of learning by

lunch. Registrations are required and are open to the public by contacting the library via phone. Participants are welcome to bring their laptops or simply come and learn. Lunch will be provided with registration.

"The Hart County Public Library is a vibrant and healthy

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effective measures that can be put into place to help protect against cyber security attacks," Said SCRTC System Administrator Matt Burnett.

Burnett will lead the class on Tuesday, February 17th at the Hart County Public Library. This Cyber Security class will be held 11 am to 12:30 pm and will include complimentary

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