

# KENTUCKY

## Changes Made in 2003 Appear in Bold

1. WAGE/BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS		2. TRAINING AND OTHER INITIATIVES	3. TASK FORCES & COMMISSIONS
<p><b>Wages</b> (includes wage pass-throughs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State facilities pay \$9.00 p/hr. Other facilities pay \$5.15 p/hr. upon aides hire with \$1.00 raise after passing nurse aide state competency test.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilities pay for courses to become certified medication aide</b></li> </ul>	<p>(Includes career ladders)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCR 39 - Established Task Force to study <b>methods to promote and enhance the provision of quality care in long-term care facilities and the quality of in-home and community-based services, 2001.</b></li> <li>• Final report of the Task Force on Quality Long Term Care, 2002 available at <a href="http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/lrcpubs/Rm493.pdf">www.lrc.state.ky.us/lrcpubs/Rm493.pdf</a></li> </ul>

4. STAFFING RATIOS	5. SYSTEMS CHANGE GRANT WORKFORCE INITIATIVES	6. OTHER INITIATIVES NOT COVERED ABOVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No minimum staffing standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real Choice Grant to develop and implement 7 curricula to train community-based direct service, supervisory, and administrative staff to be available via state's Virtual University System.</li> </ul>	