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CALL TO ACTION



**Urge KDADS and KDHE to Return
Independent Case Management Services**

We ask that you urge Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to return independent case management services.

Kansas is preparing to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2025 KanCare Managed Care Organization's (MCOs) contracts. **The state needs your input about potential changes that are being considered.**

KDHE invites you to attend one of the information and feedback sessions listed below:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm CT

Zoom [Click here to register](#)

Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm CT

Zoom [Click here to register](#)

Spanish language and American Sign Language interpreters will attend each session to assist you.

If you do not wish to attend one of these meetings, or if you would like to provide your ideas in writing via e-mail, please contact Amy Gajda at KDHE at kancarerenewal@ks.gov.

It is crucial that your voice is heard. However, if for any reason you cannot attend, please do not hesitate to email KDHE to advocate for the return of independent case management. **Your opinion matters**, and we want to ensure that it is heard regardless of your ability to attend the meeting.

Kansans on Medicaid waivers would benefit greatly from independent case management services. Many Kansans are being admitted to facilities prematurely due to difficulties in managing, coordinating, and advocating for their in-home care needs.

In 2013 Kansas moved from a fee for service model and adopted a managed care model to serve Kansans receiving Medicaid long-term care supports and services. As a result of this action, the Frail Elderly, Physically Disabled, and Brain Injury waivers lost case management services. Funding for this service was rolled into the managed care contracts offered to the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

Kansas ranks 47th in the nation for low care residents living in nursing facilities. Also, Kansas ranks 46th in the nation in addressing the nurse and nurse aide shortage within long-term care facilities. Our current long-term care service model is driving those with low care needs into institutional settings to receive poor care.

Without case management, Kansans have significant trouble managing and negotiating the following areas:

1. Activities that assist the person served to link with medical, social, or educational providers.
2. Referral to resources and other programs to assist with direct services and applications.
3. Referral to link an individual to services including medical, social, or educational providers.
4. Informal supports to provide services and supports to an individual.
5. Reporting of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation and assistance with associated referrals
6. Monitoring which includes identifying changes in the needs and status of the individual.
7. Activities and contacts necessary to ensure the care plan is implemented and addresses needs.
8. Identifying changes in needs and status of individuals.

The proposed solution is to re-establish or expand independent case management services to the Frail Elderly, Physically Disabled and Brain Injury waiver populations. We believe a case management service can be provided to the 13,800 people currently served on these waivers can be done in a cost-effective manner. Remember, case management funding, was previously folded into the managed care contracts, and could potentially be withdrawn from upcoming new managed care contracts to re-establish case management service.

If you have any questions or want more information, please email info@kabc.org or call us 785-842-3088. Thank you for advocating with us!



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