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HCBS Oversight Committee**

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**HCBS Time Standardization**

- We have learned that the average plan of care decreased by 14% in all care settings due to the standardization process.
- KDOA found that we were paying for services that have never been available under Kansas' HCBS program, such as transportation.
- Services are still provided based on the individual's need.
- We are committed to working with families on an individual basis if issues arise.
- Secretary Sullivan is dedicated to continuing to work with providers, customers and families.

**HCBS Reimbursement**

- The time standardization process was specifically difficult for many Assisted Living and Home Plus providers.
- KDOA formed a workgroup of providers to look at the HCBS reimbursement for Assisted Living and Home Plus facilities.
- The HCBS reimbursement structure was never good for these settings.
- These facilities are an important choice for all consumers in Kansas.
- If you look at Appendix A, you will see counties with a higher per capita Medicaid spend also have a higher utilization of nursing homes.
- Assisted living and home plus facilities are an essential part of KDOA's goal to balance the long-term care system in Kansas.
- Through this process, we have decided to increase the HCBS provider reimbursement to Assisted Living and Home Plus providers by 10%.
- These facilities are regulated to provide higher level of care, than care provided by an unlicensed individual in a home.
- Both home care and care in community based settings are important to individuals receiving services in Kansas.
- Assisted living and Home Plus is a choice that all Kansans should have the ability to access.
- We are in the process of working with CMS to approve this reimbursement rate increase as quickly as possible.

### **Home Tele-health Disease Criteria**

Customers qualify for this service if the customer:

- Is in need of disease management consultation and education; and
- Has had two or more hospitalizations, including ER visits, within the previous year related to one or more diseases; or
- Is using Money Follows the Person to move from a nursing facility back into the community.

For more information, please look at the Field Services Manual at:

[http://www.aging.ks.gov/Manuals/FSM/FSM\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.aging.ks.gov/Manuals/FSM/FSM_TOC.pdf)

### **Quality Care Fund Panel**

- Earlier this year the panel was broken into two workgroups to look at different aspects of quality care in Kansas.
- The workgroups created were a PEAK Awards workgroup and a state long-term care Report Card workgroup.
- These groups are working to provide better information on quality care in Kansas to consumers and their families, as well as raising the standard of care in Kansas, so that it is truly person-centered.