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### **KDADS Expects to Have Nearly 6,100 Individuals Receive PD Services by the End of the Year**

TOPEKA – Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Secretary Kari Bruffett said today that the agency is on track to have nearly 6,100 individuals receiving services under the physical disability (PD) home- and community-based services Medicaid waiver in Kansas by the end of the year.

“Despite the challenges with the waiting list for this waiver, we believe that by the end of December we will have almost 200 more people on the waiver than pre-KanCare,” Secretary Bruffett said.

The number of individuals receiving services under the PD waiver program peaked on December 31, 2008, with 8,075 participants. That same year, the average annual cost per participant as reported to CMS began to rise and the State of Kansas initiated a policy of “two off, one on” the PD waiver in order address those additional costs. Between 2007 and 2008, the average annual cost per participant rose from \$12,917 to \$14,330. These costs were in addition to the cost of providing medical and behavioral health care through Medicaid. By December 31, 2012, there were 5,906 individuals receiving waiver services and the average annual cost per participant as reported to CMS had risen to \$18,285.

In 2013, with the launch of KanCare, the agency had begun a thorough review of the waiting list for the waiver because many individuals whom staff contacted to offer services did not respond, had moved or otherwise could not be reached. That review continued through the first part of 2014. There are currently about 5,400 people eligible for PD waiver services, and about 3,088 individuals on the waiting list for services.

Since January 1, 2014, KDADS has offered services to more than 500 on the PD waiting list, including 340 since July 1. Over the next two weeks, KDADS plans to offer services to an additional 265 individuals on the waiting list.

“Additional offers will continue until the total enrollment reaches 6,092,” Secretary Bruffett said.