

## Summary of Proposed Changes specific to the IDD Program

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1. Add language for a \$300.00 annual maximum limitation for maintenance or repair of a previously purchased Assistive Service.
2. Kansas has standardized the definition of Personal Care and removed the Alternative Service Title of "Personal Assistant Services"
3. Also related to Attendant Care and Supportive Home Care language;
  - a. Language related to Personal Services providers may be reimbursed for up to 20 hours per calendar year to allow for payment to Personal Services attendants to attend training opportunities that will benefit the attendant in the provision of services to the participant has been removed.
  - b. Language related to Attendant Care and Supportive home care maximums with an average maximum has been removed.
  - c. Retainer service language for Personal Services and Supportive Home Care has been eliminated.
  - d. The minimum age for Personal Services and Supportive Home Care providers has been changed from 16 to 18 and language regarding a requirement of a high school diploma or GED has been added.
4. Functional Eligibility Instrument

As a follow up to the October 2014 statewide public information session's presentation of KDADS contract with University of Kansas to conduct a study of the current functional eligibility assessment instrument for the FE, PD, TBI program; and possible inclusion of the current BASIS eligibility assessment instrument for I/DD in to the study in 2015. Beginning in 2015, KDADS is considering an addendum to the contract with Kansas University (KU) to evaluate the current I/DD functional assessment instrument (BASIS) for demonstrated reliability and validity and propose recommendation to KDADS as to whether the assessment should be incorporated into the standardized eligibility instrument (MFEI).

KU will assess the level of care eligibility for the HCBS-I/DD population, seek input from assessors, stakeholders and entities who work with HCBS-I/DD population as subject matter experts, and seek recommendations for consideration. Once the contractor has concluded their study, recommendations will be submitted to Kansas for review and approval.

As part of the work plan, a draft of the standardized eligibility instrument will be developed based upon input collected the assessors, stakeholders, and entities who work with the HCBS populations with a targeted date of July 1, 2015. The draft standardized eligibility instrument will be tested and administered with the current functional eligibility instrument during a four to six month time period. Following the conclusion of the testing, the standardized eligibility instrument will be refined and adjusted based on data collected during the field testing until a final version of the final eligibility instrument is developed. Input from assessor, stakeholder, and entities who work with HCBS populations will continue to be gathered throughout the process and planning webinars about the eligibility instrument will be provided for additional providers and the public. Once the eligibility instrument has been finalized, an in-depth training on the instrument will be provided to assessors. KDADS will review the impact to I/DD program eligibility prior to implementation of function eligibility instrument.

Following final decision of a revised statewide eligibility assessment instrument, Kansas will develop a work plan to implement a phase in assessment process to include dual assessment using the current assessment tool and the new statewide assessment instrument in order to evaluate outcome. Kansas anticipates a phase-in implementation off the new statewide assessment instrument to begin by 2016. In order to comply with CMS requirement, Kansas will be submitting an amendment for the HCBS program to include the revised statewide assessment instrument for CMS review and approval 90 days prior to planned implementation.