

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR AUTISM WAIVER RENEWAL  
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Waiver Amendment Changes			
#	Sender	Changes/Recommendations	KDADS Response
1	Jacob Schrag <samurai6979@gmail.com>	<p>Hello, I am not sure what I read about the proposed amendments about brain injury and autism. I do not know if these changes are good or bad. All I know is that after three years of trying to get any form of insurance from the state I cannot. I have been unmedicated for many years now. After three years of seeking legal help to get my disability approved in the state of Kansas, I have not gotten it approved nor has one single attorney assisted with my plea to or help for representation. Even the Disability Rights Center of Kansas refused to assist in any way. I have no reference point in which to establish if the changes in Medicaid waivers are positive or negative. I cannot say because I cannot get my medicaid even though I had it in Colorado without issue. I can only imagine that these changes will be an improvement, because it sure cannot make things any worse here. But that is just the opinion of a widowed, crime victim, with autism and numerous disabilities.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We would be happy to refer you to the Ombudsman's office. They are specialized to assist individuals address barriers to having access to benefits.</p> <p>Also, the ADRCs have case management services and can help you complete an application for benefits.</p>
2	Stephanie L. Rasmussen <Stephanie.L.Rasmussen@sflowerhealthplan.com>	<p><b>Personal Care Services</b></p> <p>a. Virtual Service Delivery- Recommend to add that the provider must be enrolled in KMAP and licensed to provide the service in the area of the state where the member resides- if this is true? How does the 200 mile rule apply for Home Health agencies?</p> <p>b. Virtual Service Delivery - Recommend to add that both the MCO and the provider are responsible for documenting and tracking how the service is delivered. Also recommend to add that the provider must document the service that is delivered, in the same way as if it was in-person.</p> <p>c. Virtual Service Delivery- Recommend to add that the provider will respect the member's choice not to use virtual services at any given time; and will implement the back up plan for in-person support. This reinforces members can change their minds at any time and the back up option needs to be provided.</p>	<p>PCS is not a licensed service. Home Health Agencies have licenses that prohibit the provision of service exceeding 200 miles. For other non-agency directed providers, this does not apply.</p> <p>We will take this under review.</p> <p>We will take this under review.</p>