**What is a State Institutional Alternative?**

State Institutional Alternative (SIA) is a new Kansas provider type for Medicaid and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) funded programs. It allows private psychiatric and community hospitals to accept patients with mental illness who have been screened and approved for admission to state psychiatric hospitals. SIA facilities admit patients voluntarily entering acute care and those court ordered for involuntary admission.

- SIA provides regional hospital alternatives to Larned State Hospital (LSH) and Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) allowing for care closer to home, reducing wait times for admissions and demand for state hospital beds.
- When Kansans in mental health crisis are triaged, SIA facilities are the first option for new patient admissions.

**State Institutional Alternatives (SIAs)**

- **Key Priority**: Biddle Remodel
- **Objective**: Increase state hospital capacity
- **Regional SIA Beds**: Kansans stay closer to home; reduce demand on state hospitals
- **Add 14 Licensed Beds**: Increase state hospital capacity
- **Mobile Crisis Response System**: Reduce demand on law enforcement and hospital emergency departments
- **Crisis Intervention & Stabilization Centers**: Reduce demand on state hospitals for involuntary patients

### Why Become an SIA?

**Positive Contribution**
- Help improve access to care
- Model the way, be a socially responsible partner
- Participate in statewide data collection

**Additional Benefits**
- Access to data
- Positive publicity: social media and in press
- Per diem reimbursement rate instead of regular Medicaid rate or care for the uninsured

#### How to Become a SIA

Download and submit initial SIA Application and we will guide you through every step of the process.

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