



What is a State Institutional Alternative?

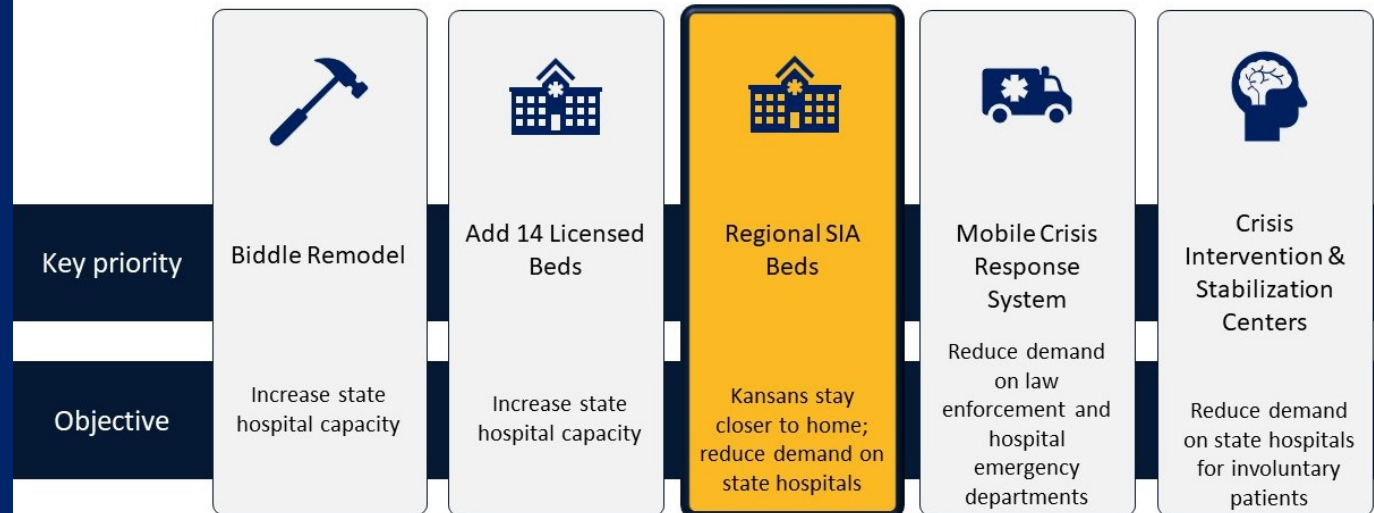
State Institutional Alternative (SIA) is a new Kansas provider type for Medicaid and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) funded programs. It allows private psychiatric and community hospitals to accept patients with mental illness who have been screened and approved for admission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

- SIAs provide 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



IMPROVED ACCESS TO CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Introducing and expanding SIAs is part of KDADS's comprehensive plan to improve access to care. In collaboration with partners across Kansas, KDADS is working on implementing initiatives to provide timely services to people experiencing mental and behavioral health crisis.



SIAs are vital to:

- Safe and successful lifting of moratorium at OSH
- Reducing wait times for individuals approved for state hospital admission
- Reducing burden on law enforcement, ERs and community hospitals

"State Institutional Alternatives (SIAs) are facilities that provide inpatient psychiatric treatment and are authorized by KDADS to serve as an alternative to placement in a state mental health institution."

Source: Kansas Medicaid State Plan

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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