

# HCBS Program Bulletin



Lunch and Learn Calls for **consumers, advocates** and other **stakeholders** are every other Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

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HCBS 2015 Educational Summit

Provider date April 13<sup>th</sup>

Consumer Date April 14<sup>th</sup>

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### ✚ **HCBS 2015 Educational Summit**

KDADS is presenting a HCBS 2015 Educational Summit for HCBS consumers, family members, providers, and professionals. The Educational Summit is a NO COST event that will give the public the opportunity to learn more about HCBS topics and programs. Some of the topics of interest include HCBS Final Setting Rule Assessment, Self-Direction, Guardianship, Employment Programs, HCBS Programs, Health Homes, MFEI Assessment, APS/CPS, Social Security Disability/PMDT, Medicaid Fraud, and more! Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with MCO representatives to discuss benefits and concerns. Please join us for a half-day provider and professional track on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and an all-day consumer, caregiver, and provider track on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. More details, registration, and updates will be provided on the [KDADS website](#).

### ✚ **HCBS Programs Renewal Update:**

Based on CMS guidance, with the state has submitted a temporary extension of the HCBS Programs with pending renewals (IDD, TBI, PD, and FE). This will allow time for CMS to review the submitted renewals. Proposed changes were submitted to CMS by the end of December, and the State continues to hold conversations with CMS.


Amendments for the SED, Autism and TA Programs were not submitted to CMS by March 17, 2015 as planned. However, the State did submit the statewide transition plan and supplemental documents by the regulatory deadline (March 17, 2015). These documents are available on the KDADS website at: [http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/hcbs-about-page/hcbs-waivers](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-about-page/hcbs-waivers)

## **FMS Manual**

The FMS Manual provides a policy and procedure manual with operational protocols for FMS providers for HCBS Program participants who direct their own care utilizing FMS supports. The Manual was posted for comment on February 17, 2015 and the comment period was extended through March 23, 2015 at 5:00 PM. A question and answer document for questions posed during the public comment period will be available on the KDADS Provider Information site at the link below:

[http://www.aging.ks.gov/PolicyInfo\\_and\\_Regs/PIs/DraftPolicies/DraftPolicies\\_Index.html](http://www.aging.ks.gov/PolicyInfo_and_Regs/PIs/DraftPolicies/DraftPolicies_Index.html)

## **NEW POLICIES & PROCESSES**

 **KS AuthentiCare Updates:** KDADS has worked with First Data on developing enhancements to KS AuthentiCare® that will provide additional support for consumers as employers of their direct service workers. This is a two-phase project that will include the creation of a single worker ID number in KS Authenticare® and new functions in the KS Authenticare® system.

**Effective January 5, 2014,** FMS providers will need to input the workers full name, date of birth and social security number in KS AuthentiCare®. They will also need to include a closure reason when a worker is no longer employed by a consumer. This will improve tracking of duplications and inappropriate reimbursement from Medicaid. Additionally, FMS providers will be required to enter the date of birth and social security number for all current workers prior to April 1, 2015. On April 1, 2015, FMS providers will be required to enter full names, dates of birth, and social security numbers for workers. This will allow First Data to develop the new worker IDs. The plan is to have new worker ID numbers and enhancements to the system in place prior to July 1, 2015.

If there are questions regarding this or any other AuthentiCare concern please join the AuthentiCare Kansas Provider Assistance Calls with First Data are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM Central Time. Call 1 – 877 – 304 – 0076, code 2196895, to join the call.

**Policies Posted for Public Comment:** Visit the KDADS Provider page for draft policies that are posted for public comment on the [Policy Issuance & Memorandum](#) tab.

## **Extraordinary Funding**

**Effective January 1, 2015,** Extraordinary Funding (EF) for IDD Day and Residential settings transitioned to the KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for review and approval. All EF renewal submissions due the Transition Period will be extended until a final decision is made by the MCO. This will allow time for the MCOs to complete a review and it will ensure the provider continues to receive EF funding until a determination is made.

**Transition Period:** The EF transition period will last until June 30, 2015.

**EF Submissions:** CDDOs should upload the last two years of EF Requests to the last BASIS assessment for the individuals who are currently receiving EF. If a consumer has an irregular EF review period (every 3 years, MFP, etc), please upload the most recent EF request to KAMIS.

Providers on an irregular EF submission schedule, should submit an EF packet to the MCO in 2015 to continue receiving EF in 2016. The submission should be submitted to the MCO based on the month that an EF review would be due at a future date (i.e., an EF Review due April of 2016 should be submitted by April of 2015). Please contact the consumer's MCO for questions regarding submission expectations.

Providers should submit renewal documents and forms to the MCOs at the following locations:

### [Amerigroup](#)

Send documentation to Amerigroup at:

[ksltssidd@amerigroup.com](mailto:ksltssidd@amerigroup.com)

Contact Jody Jeffers if you have questions about EF submissions

[jody.jeffers@amerigroup.com](mailto:jody.jeffers@amerigroup.com)

[www.amerigroup.com](http://www.amerigroup.com)

### [Sunflower](#)

Send documentation to the Sunflower Regional Case Management email inboxes.

The map is attached, with the addresses.

It is also posted on the Sunflower website.

Western: [Region1cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com](mailto:Region1cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com)

Salina: [Region2cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com](mailto:Region2cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com)

Topeka: [Region3cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com](mailto:Region3cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com)

Kansas City: [Region4cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com](mailto:Region4cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com)

Wichita: [Region5cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com](mailto:Region5cm@sunflowerhealthplan.com)

### [United](#)

United is working on a single email address for EF submissions.

In the interim, please send documentation to:

[Rebecca L. Smith@uhc.com](mailto:Rebecca.L.Smith@uhc.com)

CC: [Lori Libel@uhc.com](mailto:Lori.Libel@uhc.com)

### **Lunch and Learn Calls:**

**Providers:** Cancelled for Monday, December 29, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This call will be rescheduled to Tuesdays in 2015. A new schedule of dates will be available and posted online at [www.kdads.ks.gov](http://www.kdads.ks.gov) by next week.

**Consumers and Other Stakeholders:** In 2015, these calls will continue every other Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:45 for consumers and family members. They will cover a number of topics related to aging and disabilities and include a variety of hosts and discussions.

**PLEASE NOTE: The conference CODE number has changed.**



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The next Consumer Lunch and Learn call will be January 14, 2014 from 12:00 to 12:45 pm

There will be a time for Questions and Answers as well. If people want to send in questions ahead of time, they can email or call them to the Ombudsman's office at [KanCare.Ombudsman@kdads.ks.gov](mailto:KanCare.Ombudsman@kdads.ks.gov) or 855.643.8180. Additional information about topics will be available online.

## Opportunities to Participate in Research

### **National Dialogue on Topics Important to Family Caregivers**

The NIDRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Family Support](#) is conducting a [national dialogue with family members who provide caregiving assistance and support to loved ones with disabilities](#). Using a virtual town-hall format, the dialogue will generate important research questions in the area of family support and help to develop a national research strategy on topics important to caregivers and the family members they support. Online forum participants must register to submit ideas, or to vote or comment on existing ideas. [Families may also participate in Spanish](#). Ideas may also be submitted by phone at 844/781-4158. The forum will be open March 9th through 30th.

## Shared Living

The Shared Living Design Manual will be posted online for public comment soon along with the proposed policy. This document will help IDD Residential providers understand the expectations of Shared Living, which has historically been referred to as Host Homes or Extended Teaching Family models in Kansas. Shared Living is currently limited to licensed IDD residential providers who sub-contract with individuals and families to share their lives with an adult with an intellectual or developmental disability. This design manual sets a framework for establishing Shared Living under an IDD residential license to serve individuals on the HCBS-IDD Program. It does not supersede the current IDD residential licensure requirements or limit the authority of the State, CDDOs, MCOs, or IDD Residential Provider from ensuring quality and oversight of the Shared Living model in Kansas.

KDADS will host training for licensed providers and CDDOs related to the changes in Shared Living and the State's oversight and expectations in early 2015. The State will also be available for education and information opportunities related to Shared Living and other innovative initiatives the State can consider for supports and services to individuals who are aging and disabled.

Please check the [KDADS website](#) for documents available for public comment.