

I/DD Program Bulletin



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

Email questions to:

kancare.ombudsman@kdads.ks.gov

HCBS Proposed Changes Public Comment Period

Opened: 11/9/14

Closes: 12/20/14

hcbs-ks@kdads.ks.gov

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Bulletin Update for November 26, 2014

- + Update from Stakeholder Public Meetings
- + DOL Update Regarding the Final Rule
- + Interhab Presentations – overview
- + New Federal Law Related to Communication Needs of Students With Disabilities
- + Upcoming Training Opportunity Regarding MFP and PACE
- + Updates for Lunch and Learn Calls
- + Update on Inclement Weather Policy
- + General Information

+ **Update From Stakeholder Public Meetings:** At the recent public stakeholder meetings it was announced that the public comment period and feedback period would be open to the public from November 10, 2014 to December 10, 2014. **This timeframe has now been extended to December 20, 2014** to ensure that time is allotted for all consumers and families to provide feedback. Public comments/inputs regarding the proposed changes will be reviewed by KDADS leadership and will be amended if necessary prior to submission to CMS for approval. The final proposal will be posted to the KDADS website at www.kdads.ks.gov.

KDADS will be holding one more public opportunity for comment and input for the waiver renewals and transition plans via a conference call on December 4th from 12:00 – 1:00. Conference call information is as follows:

Call in number: 1.866.620.7326

Code: 4283583031

Materials for the call are posted online at www.KDADS.ks.gov and on the Kansas Register.

For public comments on the possible changes:

1. You can call our offices at 785.296.4986
2. You can email us at hcbs-ks@kdads.ks.gov, **Subject Line:** HCBS Proposed Changes
3. You can write a letter to KDADS, 503 S. Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66603

+ Interhab Presentations (October 2014):

- o **Conflict Free Case Management** – the presentation on Conflict Free Case Management provided overview of the federal regulation issued January 17, 2014, and effective March 17, 2014, regarding CMS expectations that case management will be free of conflicts of interests with case management separate from the functional assessment and care planning unless there are CMS-approved administrative firewalls in limited situations

- **Competing Federal Priorities** – the presentation on the CMS and DOL Final Rules and the ACA’s potential impact on FMS provided an overview of the federal regulations, expected timelines, and potential impact of those rules as they compete with each other for priority in complex system design decisions the state is making regarding HCBS services.
- **Shared Living** – the presentation on Shared Living provided historical view of shared living in the United States and Kansas while providing highlights about the system design changes and opening discussion between the attendees and current shared living providers in Kansas.
- **HCBS IDD Overview** – the presentation on the HCBS-IDD Program provided an overview of system policies and procedures with a review of current practices within our system.

These presentations are posted on the KDADS website under “Provider Information” under the “HCBS Provider” tab under the [Training Conference Calls and Presentations link](#) . For questions or additional information, please email HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.gov for more information.

✚ **New Federal Law related to communication needs of students with disabilities.** Recently the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division together with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services [issued joint guidance](#) about the rights of public elementary and secondary students with hearing, vision or speech disabilities to effective communication. The [guidance](#) includes a letter to educators, a Frequently Asked Questions document, and a summary Fact Sheet, and is intended to help schools, parents, and others understand schools’ obligations under Federal law to meet the communications needs of students with disabilities. The [guidance documents](#) are available in HTML and PDF versions on ADA.gov. The Dear Colleague Letter and Fact Sheet are also available in Spanish in PDF versions.

To find out more about the guidance documents or the ADA, call the Justice Department’s toll-free [ADA Information Line](#) at 800-514-0301 or 800-514-0383 (TDD), or access its ADA.gov website.

✚ **Upcoming Training Opportunity Regarding MFP and PACE.** The Department for Children and Families KC Region (DCF) along with Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is collaborating to host The KC Region Medicaid and MFP/PACE 101. There has been a tremendous amount of interest regarding “Money Follows the Person” or MFP. This Federal program (MFP State Office is KDADS) is very helpful for those transitioning back into the community. We want to take this opportunity to share helpful information regarding Medicaid and **MFP (Money Follows the Person)** and how they work together for Kansans. Also, we will have PACE staff present as well. **PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)** is a Medicaid and Medicare program assisting folks with their needs while remaining in the community. We will address an array of common questions regarding each program and equip you with information that will aid your members/residents/families as they consider next steps.

It is our privilege to reserve this time for you and have experts from each program share information and answer your questions. Please see the information below with date/time/location/RSVP contact. Please RSVP to hold a spot and enable us to plan accordingly. Looking forward to our time together! Naturally, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

WHAT: KC Region Medicaid and MFP/PACE 101

TOPIC: MFP (Money Follows the Person) and PACE (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 10, 2014

TIME: 9:30-12:30 pm

WHERE: KVC – Ball Conference Center, 21350 W. 153rd St., Olathe, KS 66061 (153rd and Lone Elm)

RSVP: Lesa Campbell, DCF Exec. Asst., (913)826-7333, or lesa.campbell@dcf.ks.gov

✚ Lunch and Learn Calls:

Registration for the calls is required (and must be completed by the day prior to the call). Registration can be completed online at: http://www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/IDD/KanCare_Imp/IDD_Implementation_Calendar.html

To register visit the KDADS website at www.kdads.ks.gov

Call in Information for Consumer and Provider calls:

✚ Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326

✚ Conference Code: 4283583031

✚ **For Providers:** Calls are scheduled for every other Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The next calls will be on December 1st and December 15th. Callers may continue to submit questions to PROVIDERFORUM@kdads.ks.gov. If you experience difficulty registering for the Lunch and Learn calls you may also register by sending your name in an email to providerforum@kdads.ks.gov.

✚ **Lunch and Learn Calls for Consumers and Other Stakeholders:** Calls will continue on every other Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:50 for consumers and family members. Please send questions by email to KanCare.Ombudsman@kdads.ks.gov or call the KanCare Ombudsman's office at 855.643.8180.

Dates for upcoming calls and topics that will be discussed:

- December 3, 2014 Grievances Process
- December 17, 2014 **HCBS Proposed Changes – Public Comment**

✚ **Monthly Calls with Targeted Case Managers:** Monthly calls for Targeted Case Managers have been put on hold at this time. Please check future editions of the bulletin for additional updates.

✚ **Update on Inclement Weather Policy:** KDADS is in the process of reviewing the Inclement Weather Policy for any needed updates. We plan to send out the policy within the next two weeks and include any needed revisions.

Communication/Information: Please continue to use the following information.

Notifications and communication for all HCBS programs should be uploaded in KAMIS and submitted to hcbs-ks@kdads.ks.gov with the appropriate subject line (see the last IDD Bulletin)

- The CDDO should submit any documentation submitted to the CDDO, which was used as a part of its decision to recommend approval to KDADS, and include the following minimum requirements:
 - The I/DD Notification Form -
 - The Person Centered Support Plan (*note: it must have been updated in last 365 days*)
 - The Behavior Management Plan (if applicable) – *if the request includes behavior concerns*
 - DCF Information (if indicated) – *if related to CPS or APS involvement*
 - List of community resources that were exhausted prior to submitting the crisis to KDADS
 - MCO recommendation of Medicaid-funded supports and services – *if Medicaid eligible*
- KDADS will send an NOA (to approve or deny a request) to the consumer and guardian (if applicable) and copy the CDDO and MCO (when applicable). Access to services will not be approved retroactively. If the request is emergent, the CDDO should request an expedited review. KDADS will send the 3160 to DCF.
- For any questions or issues related to Crisis and Exception requests, please contact Kimberly Pierson at Kimberly.Pierson@kdads.ks.gov.