

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:

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The I/DD Program Bulletin is now being published once every two weeks. The next edition will be distributed on June 20th

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Bulletin Update for June 6, 2014

- ✚ Web Application Speed Issue Update
- ✚ Financial Management Services (FMS) Information
- ✚ Updated Information on AuthentiCare Authorizations
- ✚ Updates for Lunch and Learn Calls
- ✚ Crisis Request for Program Access
- ✚ KDADS Public Comment Session Schedule
- ✚ Information regarding the Kansas Transition Plan
- ✚ I/DD and TBI Waiver Renewal Update

Web Applications Speed Issue Update (As of June 6, 2014): At this time, a new data storage area and fiber switches have been installed. The system is currently back to previous status. We continue to review systems and applications in order to improve their performance, while maintaining the stability of our information systems architecture.

Financial Management Services (FMS) Information: A final updated list of FMS providers who have met FMS requirements and have a current agreement with KDADS will be published on this website the first week of June 2014, the final can located at: http://www.aging.ks.gov/HCBSPProvider/FMS_Provider.html

An FMS provider must renew their agreement with KDADS annually; a new agreement will be available for download by October 1, 2014. In order for KDADS to reestablish an FMS agreement with a provider, the FMS provider must comply with all requirements as specified in the FMS provider manual on KMAP at: https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/Documents/Content/Provider%20Manuals/HCBS%20FMS_04142014_14047.pdf

Updated Information on AuthentiCare Authorizations: Over the next week, the MCOs will be updating authorizations and will be contacting FMS providers to verify authorization information in Authenticare. During this time period, the MCOs will be updating the prior authorizations; FirstData will not be able to assist with this process in order to minimize duplication.

✚ **KDADS Schedules Public Comment Sessions on the Home and Community Based Final Rule:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule for home and community based services (HCBS) effective March 17, 2014. All states must meet new requirements for home and community based settings for individuals who are served by a CMS-approved HCBS waiver program. CMS expects all states to develop a Transition Plan for each waiver that provides assessment, strategies, and timelines for meeting with the new rules. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services would like your comments on this Transition Plan before it is submitted to CMS. Water and coffee will be available at the in-person meetings listed below.

Monday, June 16th (In person)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

WSU Metroplex – Room 180 (gym)
5015 E. 29th Street North
Wichita, Kansas

Tuesday, June 17th (In Person – NEW)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn & Suites Overland Park West
8787 Reeder Road
Overland Park, KS

Tuesday, June 17th

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. conference call

HCBS Monthly Provider Forum

Dial 866.620.7326

Enter conference code: 2850442124

Register by clicking on Provider Registration:

http://www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/CSP_Index.html

Tuesday, June 17th

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. conference call

Dial 866.620.7326

Enter conference code: 2850442124

Wednesday, June 18th

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. conference call

KanCare Member Call with Ombudsman

Dial 866-620-7326

Enter conference code: 4283583031

Wednesday, June 18th (In person)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Holidome & Convention Center
200 McDonald Drive
Lawrence Kansas

Thursday, June 19th (In person)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Express
4011 Parkview Drive
Pittsburg, Kansas

✚ **Information Regarding the Transition Plan:** The State’s initial draft Transition Plan is based on information provided by CMS for stakeholders to provide input for and include in the discussion. After we receive feedback, the State will summarize the comments/responses/questions and make changes to the Transition Plan as appropriate prior to submitting the formal Transition Plan to CMS. Since we are one of a handful of states that are submitting a Transition Plan with limited direction from CMS, we have asked them to review our Transition Plan to determine that we are developing a plan consistent with CMS expectations. This will minimize issues when we submit a final plan and ensure we have covered all of the areas required by the new rules.

The draft will be posted June 12, 2014 at www.kdads.ks.gov, and it will be posted online for 30 days, and we will be accepting comments/input/questions during the entire Public Comment period, not just the Listening Sessions scheduled for the week of June 16th. Comments can be submitted to HCBS-KS@kdads.ks.com, Subject Line: “**HCBS Transition Plan – Comments/Question(s).**”

The initial plan is a draft of the State’s blueprint for how we will assess settings, ensure compliance, and transition individuals to compliant settings, if necessary. We will continue to seek public input, even after we submit the plan for final CMS approval.

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

- ✚ **Providers:** Calls are scheduled for every other Monday. The next call will be on Monday, June 16th, followed by another call on June 30th. Friday calls have been discontinued at this time. 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.

✚ **Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326**
✚ **Conference Code: 4283583031**

- ✚ **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.

✚ **Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326**
✚ **Conference Code: 4283583031**

Dates for upcoming calls and topics that will be discussed:

- June 18 – Consumer Public Comments on Proposed Transition Plan
- July 2 –**UPDATED!** *Spend down and Monthly Obligation* then General Questions and Answers sent in to the Ombudsman
- July 16 – Health Homes and MCO information session
- July 30 – Financial Management Services (FMS) – Proposed Changes Public Comments Session

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 or 855-643-8180.

The link to the registration page is on the KDADS website at http://www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/CSP_Index.html in the Current News/Topics box and looking for the HCBS Program Lunch and Learn Bi-Weekly Calls for Consumers link. This takes you directly to the list of calls.

- ✚ **Bi-Weekly Calls with Targeted Case Managers:** The next Bi-Weekly call for Targeted Case Managers will be held on June 17th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Beginning in July, calls will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month.

✚ **Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326**
✚ **Conference Code: 2850442124**

- ✚ **Calls with CDDOs:** Calls with CDDO Directors are held every other Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The next call with Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, June 19th.

✚ **Call in Number: 1.866.620.7326**
✚ **Conference Code: 4283583031**

Communication/Information:

- Effective May 19, 2014, Sandra Andrews began coordinating notifications and communication for the IDD and PD program admissions. Please submit all requests to Sandra at hcbs-ks@kdads.ks.gov with the appropriate subject line:
 - Crisis Request: **“IDD Crisis Access Request”**
 - Exception Request: **“IDD Exception Request”**
 - EF Request: **“IDD EF Request”**
 - Notifications: **“IDD Notification”**
 - *Add suffix*
 - Deceased = **“IDD Notification – Deceased”**
 - Termination = **“IDD Notification – Termination”**
 - Renewal/New = **“IDD EF Request – Renewal/New”**
 - *Add prefix*
 - Expedited = **“Expedited – IDD Crisis/Exception Request”**
 - Add'l Info = **“Add'l Info – IDD Crisis/Exception/EF Request”**
 - Admin Review= **“Admin Review – IDD Crisis/Exception/EF Request”**
- Sandra will intake all requests and prioritizes reviews based on the date of submission. If additional information is necessary, Sandra will contact submitting organization for additional information or schedule a crisis review conference with the submitting organization within 5 business days of receipt of the request. KDADS review team will review the request and make a determination within 10 business days of the date the application was received.
- For the IDD program, a notice action approving or denying the request will be sent to the consumer with a copy to the submitting organization and a copy to the consumer’s managed care health plan when applicable. Access to service will not be approved retroactively, if the request is emergent, the submitting organization will need to request an expedited review via conferencing to Sandra Andrews. KDADS will send the 3160 to DCF to provide access to services

 **I/DD and TBI Waiver Renewal Update:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the State of Kansas have agreed that the best way for the state to move forward on achieving compliance with CMS’ new HCBS settings rule is for the state to request a 90-day extension of its TBI and IDD waivers, until September 20, 2014. This will enable the state to successfully complete and ensure an appropriate amount of time is available for the development of a transition plan to implement the new HCBS settings rule, to conduct a 30-day comment period on the state’s proposed transition plan, to compile public comments for consideration and modify the plan based on public comment, as appropriate, and to compile a summary of the disposition of the comments that will be included in the transition plan in the waiver as prescribed in federal regulation 42 CFR 441.301(c). The transition plan will then be incorporated in the I/DD and TBI waivers for renewal prior to September 30, 2014.