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Field Services Policy #: FS 2009-01, From: Patsy Samson, Date: 6/30/09, RE: (program) Home and Community-Based Services for the Frail Elderly (HCBS/FE)

Policy Issue: Change name of HCBS/FE service from "Senior Companion Service" to "Comprehensive Support" and update the Medicaid LTC Threshold criteria definition to include "Cognition."

Check Appropriate Process: Standard Policy Process, KDOA/KHPA Policy Process, Expedited Policy Process

Policy Implementation Through: KDOA, KHPA, MMIS Fiscal Agent (EDS)

KDOA Contact Person(s): Laura Graham (785-296-7195) and Krista Engel (785-296-0385), KHPA Contact Person(s): N/A

Related References/Processes:

Related Policy Number(s): FS-2008-05, Superseded Policy Number (Section 3.5), K.A.R. Change Required? No, KDOA Policy Manual Change? Yes, If yes: What Reference #(s), Date to initiate revision, Proposed effective date

**State Plan Change Required?** No

*If yes:* What section #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Waiver Amendment Required?** No

**Routing Information:**

Internal Route Date: 6/26/09

Field Route Date: n/a

KHPA Route Date: n/a

KHPA Approval Date: n/a

Internal Comments Due Date: 6/26/09

Field Comments Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

KHPA Comments Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**KDOA Approval Date:** 6/29/09

**Training Required?**

KDOA Central Office: No

AAA Staff: No

Customer Education: No

KDOA Field Staff: No

Contracted Case Managers: No

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**Rationale for Change:** There are now two programs in Kansas entitled Senior Companion Services. Changing the title of the FE service from Senior Companion Services to Comprehensive Support will distinguish this service from the Senior Companion Services provided by other entities and will enable KDOA to promote this service as a Medicaid service unique from other services available to certain communities.

“Cognition” was added to the definition of Medicaid - LTC Threshold Criteria to reflect current practice.

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**Final Policy:** This policy change and implementation date is effective July 1, 2009.

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Approved

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/s/  
Secretary of Aging

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