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KDADS Bulletin

RE: Coordination of HCBS services with Schools

We know these are unprecedented times, and families are struggling. As schools are reopening at different levels across the state, nothing in Appendix K changes the prohibition of PCS being delivered during school time. This is still regarded as the school's responsibility to provide needed supports during school operating hours. Please see the link below from the Kansas State Department of Education, which outlines their responsibilities.

The Care Coordinators with each MCO will continue to approve the HCBS services needed outside of school hours. For schools that are offering educational services during traditional, set hours (in-person and/or remote), those hours of the day will be utilized to determine when HCBS services can be provided. For children receiving remote education, with required hours but not at set times, the required hours for educational activities will be utilized for the purpose of coordinating with HCBS services.

Parents should contact their local school districts for questions about the local plan for providing education; and their MCO Care Coordinator for questions about their HCBS services.

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Special-Education>

Sincerely,

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