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August 24th, 2016
12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Lunch and Learn Call for HCBS Consumers
(55 Participants on the call)

* Ombudsman Lunch and Learn Conference Call Series*

Information on:

The federally funded Older Americans Act and the state funded Senior Care Act and who these acts cover and what services can be provided with Tyler Steffes-Herman, OAA/SCA Program Manager
Facilitated by James Bart, Director of Managed Care KDADS

There is a lot to cover so this will be basic.

Senior Care Act,

[http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/commission-on-aging/in-home-services/senior-care-act-\(sca\)](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/commission-on-aging/in-home-services/senior-care-act-(sca))

Serves ages 60+, reside in Kansas and have functional limitations in self-care and independent living. The long-term care threshold criteria must be met and is very similar to the criteria for Medicaid HCBS services. It provides Case Management and attendant care on a case by case basis. The intent is to keep clients out of facilities (long-term care) with;

Field Service Manual; <http://www.kdads.ks.gov/provider-home/manuals>

- Attendant care
- Case management
- One Time Service
 - a. **One-time service** - means an activity that is not intended to be ongoing (less than three months per 365 days) and has a unit of service of one dollar. (Field Service Manual 3.6.3)
 - b. Prior approval of each one-time service over \$1,445 must be obtained from the KDADS SCA Program Manager. (Field Service Manual 3.6.7 C 1)

Older Americans Act;

<http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/commission-on-aging/in-home-services/older-americans-act>

OAA was passed in Congress in 1965. Services include; home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) available for those that are isolated and or homebound. There are also congregate meal sites. No cost though donations are recommended.

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Family Caregiver- Title III E;

<https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/General-Provider-Pages/manuals/Field-Service-Manuals/3-8-caregiver.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

This program is directed at primary caregivers of eligible care recipients.

The Respite Program entitles the primary caregiver an allotted amount of time each week from caring for their loved one.

The Respite Program is offered in Senior Service Centers in each county. Trained attendants will come into the home to provide this service:

- Care giver support
- Respite
- Support groups

Flex-service request (1 time service to provide support to caretaker. This would be a service not specifically outlined in the area plans. Evaluated on a case by case bases by program manager)

Title III D ;

http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_Programs/HPW/Title_IIID/index.aspx

Physical Fitness and Exercise Programs and health promotion programs

– Must meet the highest criteria of an evidence based program.

Line opened for questions,

Q. This is Mitzie, I know that there has been cuts- how many older Americans are impacted?

A. We don't have that number in but there are many. We had a \$1 million dollar cut which becomes a \$2 million dollar when you factor in the match.

Q. Is there a plan in place to bring that money back?

A. We are advocating for that. We are hoping that the cuts will be reversed next year.

Q. Vickie. In HCBS family members cannot be paid as a care taker- can family members be paid under this act.

A. SCA, very similar to HCBS. Under the OAA, yes it is often a family member.

You can always contact me or your local AAA with questions.

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