



KanCare 2.0 Waiver Renewal Application – Full Public Notice

Public Notice and Comment Period – KanCare Renewal

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a request to renew the KanCare demonstration under Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for five years, effective from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

KanCare – Summary of Program and Renewal Information

KanCare is the program through which the State of Kansas administers Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The State determined that contracting with multiple managed care organizations (MCOs) would result in more efficient and effective health care services to the populations covered by Medicaid and CHIP.

On August 6, 2012, the State of Kansas submitted a Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration proposal, entitled KanCare, to CMS. CMS approved that proposal on December 27, 2012, effective from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. Subsequently, CMS approved a one-year extension of the current demonstration on October 13, 2017 to extend the end the current demonstration to December 31, 2018. The State is now preparing to submit an application to renew the KanCare program for five years, effective from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023.

The KanCare demonstration is operating concurrently with the State’s section seven 1915(c) home and community-based (HCBS) waivers, which together provide the authority necessary for the State to require enrollment of almost all Medicaid beneficiaries across the State into a managed care delivery system to receive State Plan and waiver services. KanCare also includes a Safety Net Care Pool (also referred to as an Uncompensated Care Pool) to support certain hospitals that incur uncompensated care costs for Medicaid-eligible individuals and the uninsured and to provide incentives to hospitals for programs that result in delivery system reforms that enhance access to health care and improve the quality of care.

Building on the success of the current KanCare program, the demonstration renewal, titled KanCare 2.0, will continue to:

- Maintain Medicaid state plan eligibility;
- Maintain State Plan benefits;
- Allow the State to require eligible individuals to enroll in MCOs to receive covered benefits through such MCOs, including individuals on HCBS waivers, except American Indian/Alaska Natives, who are presumptively enrolled in KanCare but who have the option of affirmatively opting out of managed care; and
- Provide benefits, including long-term services and supports (LTSS) and HCBS, via managed care.

The goal for KanCare 2.0 is to help Kansans achieve healthier, more independent lives by providing services and supports for social determinants of health and independence in addition to traditional

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Medicaid benefits. Although the basic structure of the KanCare program will remain the same, KanCare 2.0 will include select program improvements such as enhanced service coordination, employment support initiatives, and other improvements to streamline administrative processes.

KanCare 2.0 is designed to advance the health and independence of Kansans. The vision for KanCare 2.0 focuses on the following four themes:

1. Coordinate services to strengthen social determinants of health and independence and person centered planning,
2. Promote the highest level of member independence,
3. Drive performance and quality improvement for better care, and
4. Improve effectiveness and efficiency of the State Medicaid program.

Eligibility

KanCare currently enrolls almost all Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries. See the current 1115 demonstration Special Terms and Conditions for the full list of groups included in KanCare at the following link: <https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/ks/ks-kancare-ca.pdf> (pages 12-19). Although most of the populations within the renewal will remain the same, the State is considering the addition of certain MediKan enrollees who voluntarily discontinue pursuit of a disability determination in exchange for Medicaid benefits with employment support.

The State is considering work requirements for ONLY some able-bodied adults.

The following KanCare members will **NOT** be subject to work requirements:

- Members receiving long-term care, including institutional care and Money Follows the Person, or enrolled in the following home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver programs: Autism, Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), Technology Assisted (TA), Frail Elderly (FE), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), and Physical Disability (PD);
- Children;
- Women who are pregnant;
- Members who have disabilities and are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Caretakers for dependent children under six years or those caring for a household member who has a disability;
- Medicaid beneficiaries who have an eligibility period that is only retroactive;
- Members enrolled in the MediKan program;
- Members presumptively eligible for Medicaid;
- Persons whose only coverage is under a Medicare Savings Program;

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- Persons enrolled in Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); and
- Members with TBI, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

Covered Benefits

The KanCare program integrates medical, behavioral, and long-term care health delivery systems and covers mandatory and optional services under the approved Medicaid State Plan. Kansas is not requesting any changes in covered benefits for this renewal.

Cost Sharing Requirements

There are no co-payments under the KanCare MCOs. Kansas is not requesting any changes in cost sharing for this renewal.

Annual Enrollment and Aggregated Expenditures

Kansas does not anticipate a significant change in enrollment or aggregated expenditure trends for the demonstration period. The following table summarizes the projected annual enrollment and aggregated expenditures for KanCare, by demonstration year (DY).

	DY7	DY8	DY9	DY10	DY11
Total Member Months	4,469,538	4,558,290	4,649,371	4,742,845	4,838,778
Total Expenditures	\$3,590,507,082	\$3,698,071,133	\$3,809,552,766	\$3,925,063,252	\$4,044,791,275

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

Kansas is requesting the same waiver and expenditure authorities as approved in the current demonstration, described below. However, the State is also requesting a new waiver authority related to the work requirement and a new expenditure authority for Institutions for Mental Disease.

Waiver Authorities

1. Amount, Duration and Scope of Services

To the extent necessary to enable Kansas to vary the amount, duration, and scope of services offered to individuals, regardless of eligibility category, by providing additional services to individuals who are enrollees in certain managed care arrangements.

2. Freedom of Choice

To the extent necessary to enable Kansas to restrict freedom of choice of provider through the use of mandatory enrollment in managed care plans for the receipt of covered services. No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.



3. Eligibility

State requests new authority to require able-bodied KanCare 2.0 adult members, as a condition of eligibility, to meet work requirements.

Expenditure Authorities

1. Expenditures for Additional Services for Individuals with Behavioral Health or Substance Use Disorder Needs
2. Uncompensated Care Pool
3. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program
4. Expenditures for Institutions for Mental Disease

Hypothesis and Evaluation Parameters

The KanCare 2.0 evaluation design will test the following hypotheses:

1. Expanding service coordination to include assisting members with accessing affordable housing, food security, employment and other social determinants of health and independence will increase independence, stability and resilience, and improve health outcomes;
2. Increasing employment and independent living supports for members with behavioral health needs, or who have intellectual, developmental or physical disabilities or traumatic brain injuries will increase independence and improve health outcomes; and
3. Providing service coordination for all youth in foster care will decrease the number of placements, reduce psychotropic medication use, and improve health outcomes for these youths.

In addition, Kansas will monitor quality measures and conduct member and provider surveys to evaluate the program. The State will update its State Quality Strategy to incorporate performance measures and reporting to support KanCare 2.0 initiatives. Service coordinators will use tools to assess initial and ongoing member needs and other systematic efforts to identify the health and social resources required to meet member needs. Kansas expects ongoing improvement within the more mature program, and contractual and program policy content will reflect these expectations.

Public Comment – Timing and Process

The public comment period will run from October 27, 2017 until November 26, 2017. Comments will be accepted until November 26, 2017. The State will submit the renewal request no later than December 31, 2017.

Information about the KanCare renewal request, including the renewal application and documented comments from public comment meetings held in June 2017, is available for public review at the KanCare website: <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/about-kancare/kancare-renewal>. A copy of the renewal application will also be located at the reception desks for:

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KDHE-Division of Health Care Finance
 900 SW Jackson, LSOB – 9th Floor
 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
 New England Building, 503 S. Kansas Ave.
 Topeka, Kansas 66603

Written comments about the KanCare renewal request may be sent to this email address: kdhe.kancarenewal@ks.gov; or may be mailed to:

KanCare Renewal
 c/o Becky Ross
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The State will maintain and keep current information about the KanCare renewal process and related documents throughout the public comment and review process, during which CMS is reviewing and acting upon the State’s renewal request. This information will continue to be available at the KanCare Renewal page of the KanCare website: <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/about-kancare/kancare-renewal>. In addition, once the request to renew the KanCare program is submitted to CMS, it will be posted by CMS on its website for viewing and commenting: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.

Public Hearings – When and Where

Additional public hearings about the KanCare renewal will be held as follows:

The same information and opportunity for feedback will be shared at each session.	
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	
Providers: 2:00pm to 4:00pm	
Members: 6:00pm to 8:00pm	
Pittsburg, KS, 66762 Pittsburg State University Overman Student Center, Ballroom A 1701 S Broadway St	Dodge City, KS, 67801 Dodge House Hotel & Convention Center 2408 West Wyatt Earp Blvd.
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	
Providers: 2:00pm to 4:00pm	
Members: 6:00pm to 8:00pm	
Olathe, KS, 66061 Kansas State University Olathe Great Plains A & B 22201 W. Innovation Drive	Great Bend, KS, 67530 Perkins Restaurant & Bakery Meeting Room 2920 10th Street

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Thursday, November 16, 2017 Providers: 2:00pm to 4:00pm Members: 6:00pm to 8:00pm	
Topeka, KS, 66607 Ramada Topeka Downtown Jefferson Hall 420 SE 6th St.	Wichita, KS, 67207 Wichita Marriott Corporate Hills Ballroom 9100 Corporate Hills Drive
Monday, November 20, 2017 Conference Call Option	
Providers: 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Please call: Toll Free: 1-833-791-5968 and Enter Code: 871 777 85 Members: 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please call: Toll Free: 1-833-791-5968 and Enter Code: 871 807 85	

All meeting rooms are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible.

Language Accommodations

If you need language accommodations, such as sign language interpreter or large print or Braille, please contact Dawn Goertzen at 785-291-3461 or dawn.goertzen@ks.gov. Please make your request by November 3, 2017.

Si desea esta información en español, por favor llame al 1-800-766-9012.