

Public Input Period – KanCare Renewal

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is offering opportunities to attend public meetings regarding the state’s proposed renewal of the KanCare program, and to provide input and ideas for changes.

Public Meetings – Timing and Process

Anyone may provide comment and input about the KanCare renewal at any time from June 14, 2017 until October 15, 2017. The state intends to submit the renewal request on November 1, 2017. There will be a second set of meetings in fall 2017 to collect formal comments about the waiver renewal application.

Information about KanCare is available for public review at the KanCare website: <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/about-kancare/kancare-renewal>. Materials for these meetings are being made available at the same link as they are prepared. For individuals without access to the internet, copies of the materials may be obtained by calling 785-296-4753 or writing KanCare Renewal, c/o Becky Ross, KDHE-Division of Health Care Finance, 900 SW Jackson, LSOB – 9th Floor, Topeka, Kansas, 66612. Such requests must be made before October 15, 2017.

Written comments about KanCare renewal may be sent to this email address: kdhe.kancarerenewal@ks.gov; or may be mailed to: KanCare Renewal, c/o Becky Ross, KDHE-Division of Health Care Finance, 900 SW Jackson, LSOB – 9th Floor, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

Public Meetings – When and Where

Public meetings about the KanCare renewal will be held as follows:

Day/Date	Time	Location
Wed., June 14	1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers)	Ramada Convention Center Downtown Topeka Regency Ballroom, 420 SE 6th St., Topeka, KS 66607
Thurs., June 15	1:30-3:30 pm (providers)	Embassy Suites Olathe Salon DEF, 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66062
Sat., June 17	1:30-3:30 pm (consumers)	Embassy Suites Olathe Salon DEF, 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66062
Mon., June 19	1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers)	Dodge City Community College Little Theater, 2501 N 14 th Ave., Dodge City, KS
Tues., June 20	1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers)	Rose Garden Steak Haus Rose Ballroom, 2350 East 8th St/Hwy 40, Hays, KS

Mon., June 26	6:00-7:30 (consumers)	Conference call for consumers Conference call: 1-877-678-8997 Conference ID: 292 200 74
Wed., June 28	1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers)	DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport Emerald Ballroom, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209
Thurs., June 29	1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers)	Pittsburg State University Overman Student Center, Ballroom A, 302 E Cleveland Pittsburg, KS 66762

All Meeting rooms are ADA accessible.

Language Accommodations

If you need language accommodations, such as a 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 June 5, 2017.

Si desea esta informacion en Español, por favor llame al 1-800-766-9012.

KanCare – Summary of Program and Renewal Information

KanCare is the program through which the State of Kansas administers Medicaid. After a long period of study, the State determined that contracting with multiple managed care organizations would result in the provision of more efficient and effective health care services to the populations covered by Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Kansas, and would ensure coordination of care and integration of physical and behavioral health services with each other and with home- and community-based services (HCBS).

On August 6, 2012, the State of Kansas submitted a Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration proposal, entitled KanCare, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS approved that proposal on December 27, 2012, effective from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2017. The state is now preparing to submit an application to extend the KanCare program for one year, effective from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

KanCare is operating concurrently with the state’s section 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Together with the 1115 demonstration, those seven waivers provide the authority necessary for the state to require enrollment of almost all Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries (including the aged, disabled, and some dual eligibles) into a managed care delivery system to receive state plan and waiver services. KanCare also includes a safety net care pool to support certain hospitals that incur uncompensated care costs for Medicaid beneficiaries 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.

The KanCare demonstration program:

- Maintains Medicaid state plan eligibility;
- Maintains Medicaid state plan benefits;
- Allows the state to require eligible individuals to enroll in managed care organizations (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 will have the option of affirmatively opting out of managed care.
- Provides benefits, including long-term services and supports (LTSS) and HCBS, via managed care; and
- Creates a Safety Net Care Pool to support hospitals that provide uncompensated care to Medicaid beneficiaries and the uninsured.

The KanCare demonstration assists the state in its goals to:

- Provide integration and coordination of care across the whole spectrum of health to include physical health, behavioral health, and LTSS/HCBS;
- Improve the quality of care Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries receive through integrated care coordination and financial incentives paid for performance (quality and outcomes);
- Control Medicaid costs by emphasizing health, wellness, prevention and early detection as well as integration and coordination of care; and
- Establish long-lasting reforms that sustain the improvements in quality of health and wellness for Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries as well as provide a model for other states that are reforming their programs for Medicaid payment and delivery systems.

The renewal of KanCare is designed to continue the program, for an additional five years and will incorporate some changes as well as maintain some of the original features of the program. The following lists some of the changes being considered:

- Improved and expanded care coordination
- Value-based purchasing, including opportunities for shared savings and payment for outcomes
- The way individuals with a spenddown will be affected
- Reinvestment of savings into HCBS waiting lists
- Incentivizing integrated settings, including employment

Information about the KanCare renewal process and related documents will be maintained and kept current throughout both the public input process. Once the draft renewal application is posted, KDHE will host a round of public comment meetings and have a formal public comment period, during which the Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) will review and act upon the state's extension 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.