



**House Social Services Budget Committee  
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**Operation Red File**

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- Operation Red File is one of KDADS' flagship initiatives.
- It is a vital program that might the lives of your friends and loved ones – or even your own life.

It is important for all of us to keep copies of key medical records close at hand in case of an emergency.

- But it is especially important for the elderly, the frail and the disabled.

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- Operation Red File makes those health records instantly recognizable and available to first responders.
- Instant access provides an extra level of protection for older Kansans and those with disabilities when it is most critical.
- First responders will know they should look for this information in case of emergency -- and where to find it.
- Your Red File contains life-saving information. If you are unconscious, and can't tell first responders where your information is, they will still have access to it.

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# Operation Red File Background

- Participants in Operation Red File receive a large, red, magnetic folder that they can place on their refrigerator for instant access, where first responders will know to look for it.
- Participants are encouraged to put copies of their medical information and other critical documents in the folder.
- Such as a clear, current photograph of the participant; a medical form with all current medical information; a medication list that can be updated as needed; and medical coverage information.

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# Operation Red File: Information Uses

- First responders and emergency staff can use this information to:
  - Instantly access medical history and medication records in an emergency
  - Avoid delays caused by trying to get information from a confused patient
  - Ensure that the family/responsible party will be notified quickly
  - Have a photograph available in the case of a Silver Alert

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# Operation Red File: Goal

- KDADS has handed out 70,000 Red Files during the past year and we plan to hand out 150,000 more this year.
- So far we have launched Operation Red file in 7 Kansas Counties, including Shawnee, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Edwards Osage, Cloud and Linn counties.
- Our goal is to make Red Files available to the elderly and disabled in every Kansas County.



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