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Lunch and Learn Call for HCBS Consumers
(30 Participants on the call)

Facilitated by Kerrie Bacon

Kancare bi-weekly conference calls

Speaker and Topic: KEES Update with Russell Nittler

Russell Nittler and the KEES update.

Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement System or KEES for short.

KAECSES system no longer has the ability to authorize medical cases as of June 19, 2015, and had been around since the 80's.

We are in the middle of turning KEES on.

This weekend we tested and see how it is behaving. We are looking for each type of case in KEES and looking to see that the system is working correctly.

This is Wed and we are still tracking them to see the outcome.

Some sections have been given the go ahead.

Foster care children are eligible automatically, so they are some of the ones being put through at his time.

- 1. You may see on you end that the notices coming in the mail may look different. It is a very computer-generated look to them; they also have the KDHE logo on them.
We want to make sure that people are aware so as not to think they are junk mail.**
- 2. Another new thing is that we will be updating our online system.**
- 3. New- Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. These consumers are approved for Kancare coverage at a hospital or clinic. Eligibility can be put in the system at the hospital and they get temp coverage on the spot, and has a month or so to fill out an application. Then they will get a medical card from the MCO at that point.**



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4. **No-Touch is new. They can go from application to coverage without needing a person to touch the case.
We had hoped to see a lot of these, but it may take a while.**

In the old system there was only one responsible party and with the new one you can have up to four.

Q. There are some new questions online- will the paper app have the same questions?

A. Yes, the paper application has already been updated.

Q. Everyone will be getting a notice in the mail that will need a response?

A. No, when you get your next notice, it will look different, and have a KDHE logo on it.

This system will be tied to Child Enforcement; we will be able to see people who are telling different agencies different stories.

Currently KEES is tied to KS Medicaid, Food Assistance, Cash Assistance etc at DCF will come online in KEES in Pring 2016.

Three new rules implemented today

1. **Verifications on the application. With the KEES we will have 4 tiers of verification.**

Tier1; Federal hub, Identity and Citizenship.

Tier2; Work #, this is where some private employers put their wage information. KEES can tap into online and verify. Dillion's is an example.

Tier 3; we will look at your Food Stamps, cash, income verification and see if we can use that.

Tier 4; Ask for pay stubs or letter from your employer (manual).

This will reduce denials for Medicaid. If you took off failure to verify income and Birth cert. and IDs, very few people would be denied.

Self- Employed will still need to provide tax returns.

Nursing Facility (NF) and Home & Community Based Services (HCBS).

Once we verify that you are below 300% (\$2199) of the SSI standard, and your resources are below \$2000, and functionally eligible the consumer will be eligible for LTC(nursing home and HCBS). This does not negate the waiting list.



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- Q. The 300% rule, I had understood there was a new rule allowing people to have more than that in savings.**
- A. They are talking about the ABLE act. The 300% does not change the resources limits.**

This makes a difference in the HCBS world as we won't be looking at your cost of care vs. client obligation if you are below the 300% level.

CHIP kids (Up to 18) up to today, eligibility starts the day the worker approves it. This is a change.

People in the higher income limits have to pay a premium. This is for the entire family of children. Failure to pay for 3 months and they will lose coverage. There will be a 3 month penalty, or you can pony up the amount.

DCF will no longer will be doing eligibility; it will be handed over to KDHE as of Jan 2016.

- **Next Lunch and Learn: Basics on the Autism Program with John Barry
Basics on the TA Program with Kim Pierson**