



Update

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Overview

June 27 th	State of Kansas awarded 3 contracts to MCOs
July 30 th -August 2 nd	First round of statewide educational tours
August 21 st	CMS notified State that 1115 waiver application met all requirements
August 23 rd -August 31 st	KDADs informational tour
August 31 st	KanCare website launched
September 5 th -21 st	Readiness Reviews of three MCOs conducted
September 24 th -27 th	Second round of statewide educational tours
October	Follow-up, Go/No-Go, Enrollment Tour

Contract Awards Implementation Begins

On June 27th three contracts were awarded to managed care companies:

Amerigroup of Kansas, Inc. (Amerigroup)

Sunflower State Health Plan (Sunflower)

United Healthcare of the Midwest (United)

Weekly implementation meetings began between the State and MCOs

Internal implementation teams and external stakeholder workgroups began meeting after contract award

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First Round Educational Tour

From July 30th to August 2nd the State and MCOs conducted their first round of educational meetings for providers and beneficiaries.

West Team: Garden City, Wichita, Salina, and Hays

East Team: Topeka, Leavenworth, Fort Scott, and Johnson County

State and MCO staff answered thousands of questions from participants

Meetings were well attended by both consumers and providers and participants responded positively to the information presented.

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CMS Accepts 1115 Waiver Application

On August 21st CMS notified the State of Kansas that the 1115 waiver application submitted on August 6th met all federal requirements and was formally accepted.

CMS began their official public comment period on August 21st. Comments will be accepted through September 20th.

Kansas continues to discuss the application with officials at CMS on a weekly basis. Our experience with CMS thus far in the waiver process is similar to that of other states.

KDADs Tour

Between August 23rd and August 31st the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADs) conducted a series of informational sessions for specific Medicaid populations

State and MCO staff members met with current consumers, their family members and friends, service providers, advocacy groups and others interested in the programs and services administered by KDADs.

The meetings included information in the following areas:

- Disability services
- Aging services
- Mental health services
- Substance use disorder services

Website Launch

On August 31st the State of Kansas launched its new KanCare Website.

The Website will act as a streamlined source of information for providers and consumers to help them make informed decisions about participation in KanCare.

Eventually, the Website will become a "Launching-Pad" for all Medicaid-related content and applications in Kansas.

Go to www.kancare.ks.gov to learn more.

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Readiness Reviews

On September 5th, the State began the formal readiness review process with the MCOs.

One initial review has been performed, a second is currently underway, and a third will take place next week.

The State will follow up with a second round of readiness reviews for each MCO prior to the go/no-go decision.

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Second Round Educational Tour

From September 24th-September 27th the State of Kansas will conduct a second round of educational meetings designed to provide more information to Kansans about the upcoming transition into KanCare.

9/24: Manhattan, Pittsburg, Colby and Dodge City

9/25: Atchison, Chanute, Russell and Pratt

9/26: Emporia, Olathe, Hutchinson and El Dorado

A teleconference will be held on September 27th for those who cannot make one of the physical meetings.

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What's Next

Following the completion of all readiness reviews, we will have an opportunity to follow-up on any issues that need further attention in October.

KanCare MCOs must have 90% of their provider networks in place by October 12th and 100% by November 16th.

A Go/No-Go decision date of October 19th has been established for the January 1st implementation.

Following that decision, State staff will hold a final round of educational meetings with consumers to help them understand what they need to know to choose a KanCare plan.

MCOs will also conduct training with providers this fall.

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Implementation Timeline

Kancare Timeline	SFY 2012				SFY 2013														
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
April 2012																			
Expand interagency implementation team - Complete																			
Set timeline for series of town hall meetings/webinars - Complete																			
Face to Face Negotiations - Complete																			
Formalize timeline for MCO readiness reviews - Complete																			
May 2012																			
Advisory Council meets - Complete/continuing																			
Develop format/content/frequency of operational status meetings - Complete																			
Send intent to award - Complete																			
June 2012																			
Complete negotiations - Complete																			
Kickoff meeting re: stakeholder workgroups - Complete																			
Send contracts to CMS - Complete																			
July 2012																			
Educational tour begins: Consumers and Providers, Round 1 - July 30-Aug. 2 - Complete																			
Weekly MCO standardization/implementation meetings begin - Began July 5																			
Advisory Council meets - Complete/continuing																			
August 2012																			
Launch dedicated website area for Implementation activities - Aug. 31 - Complete																			
Educational tour continues: KDADS waiver stakeholders tour - Aug. 21-31- Complete																			
Stakeholder workgroups begin meeting - Began in July																			
Start operational status meetings: Stakeholders incorporated - Sept.																			
September 2012																			
Advisory Council meets- Sept. 17 and Continuing																			
Onsite MCO readiness reviews - In process																			
Stakeholder workgroups continue - Continuing																			
Educational tour continues: Consumers and Providers- Sept. 24-27																			
Consumer and provider notifications																			
Website regularly updated - Continuing																			
October 2012																			
90% network development - Oct. 12 90% implementation activities complete																			
Stakeholder workgroups continue																			
MCO readiness reviews, followup																			
Network certification																			
Go/No Go Decision Milestone- Oct. 19																			
Educational tour/open enrollment																			
Operational status meetings continue																			
November 2012																			
Network fully in place- Nov. 16.																			
Enrollment																			
Advisory Council meets																			
Stakeholder workgroups continue																			
Operational status meetings continue																			
December 2012																			
Enrollment																			
Stakeholder workgroups continue																			
Operational status meetings continue																			
January 2013																			
Go Live																			
Advisory Council meets																			
Stakeholder workgroups continue																			
Operational status meetings continue																			