

KanCare


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I/DD KanCare Carve-out
Frequently Asked Questions

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Overview of the HCBS I/DD Waiver

- Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled (I/DD) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver serves 7,825 persons.
- I/DD waiver has a budget of \$327 million dollars.
- 27 Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) that serve catchment areas.
- Hundreds of case management entities and service providers affiliated with CDDOs.
- Process: eligibility determination, needs assessment, targeted case management, service provision

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Overview of the HCBS I/DD Waiver

- Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is scheduled to join KanCare on January 1, 2014.
- ✓ Medical and Behavioral health services for persons with I/DD began on January 1, 2013.
- ✓ Similar to 5 other HCBS waivers for long-term care and supports.

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Pilot Project Update

What is the pilot?

- For persons currently served through the HCBS I/DD waiver.
- Will allow a limited number of persons to come into the KanCare program for more direct engagement with I/DD waiver services.
- Participation in the pilot is voluntary. Only criteria is the member wants to participate and an I/DD provider wants to participate.
- I/DD Pilot Project is scheduled to begin in March 2013.

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Pilot Project Update

What are the purpose and goals of the Pilot?

- Work out problems to ensure a seamless transition in January 2014.
- Help providers become accustomed to the managed care system before full implementation.
- Help persons served and their family members and guardians learn more about and become accustomed to the managed care system before full implementation.
- Help the MCOS gain a deeper understanding of the I/DD service system prior to full implementation.

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Pilot Project Update

- Illustrate how I/DD services will be integrated with other Medicaid services in KanCare.
- Develop a KanCare I/DD waiver employment supports program.
- Increase the numbers of providers successfully supporting persons with challenging behaviors.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) have experience with Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) and are they prepared to work with the I/DD HCBS waiver?

- **MCOs all have experience with LTSS.**
 - ✓ All HCBS other waiver programs, transitioned into KanCare on January 2013.
 - ✓ Other waiver programs provide similar services
- **MCOs will not be providing services.**
 - ✓ CDDOs and I/DD providers will still complete statutorily protected eligibility and assessment process as well as targeted case management process for the HCBS waiver.
 - ✓ I/DD providers will still provide services such as day and residential support.
 - ✓ MCOs are skilled and experienced at Care Coordination and will be providing this benefit.

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- Each MCO has hired staff who previously worked in the Kansas I/DD system, or with the Kansas I/DD community
- Each MCO is collaborating with the I/DD pilot advisory committee to ensure familiarity and understanding of the system
- The State of Kansas is very experienced in directing contractors to provide care for the Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled. The state will continue to develop the program and rules under which the health plans and providers operate.
 - ✓ The three MCOs are the State's agents.
- ✓ The key goal is to align the financial incentives of the health plans with the long-term services and supports system.

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Since the MCOs are "for-profit", are they inclined to find savings by eliminating services?

- Cutting services has never been part of KanCare equation.
- MCOs have been working directly with DD Advisory committee for the last four months to establish universal understanding of how DD systems work, including the DD Reform Act.
- Services are protected by statute and KanCare contracts and **will not be cut.**

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Given the newness of KanCare, should we extend the DD Pilot project through 2014 before we carve in the I/DD population?

- Purpose of the pilot project is to ensure smooth transition into KanCare and to recognize all the unique challenges before full integration.
- There are five other HCBS waivers that have transitioned into KanCare in January 2013. January 2014 implementation will allow for all eyes to be on the I/DD waiver to ensure a good transition.
- The annual open enrollment and choice period for non-waiver I/DD services will be in November and December of 2013.
- Readiness activities will be completed by January, 2014

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The I/DD population is currently getting medical/behavioral services through KanCare. Why add them to KanCare?

- Separation inhibits any meaningful progress towards a higher quality public healthcare system and improved Care Coordination.
- Other HCBS waivers are similar in the long-term services and supports they provide and all services for these waivers are included.
- Quality health indicators will improve for with all services included in KanCare.
- Carve out puts care at risk.
 - ✓ No guarantee that HCBS services will be there in future as current system is unsustainable.

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KanCare is expected to save taxpayers approximately \$1 Billion over a five-year period. What financial impact will carving out I/DD services have on taxpayer wallets?

- H.B. 2909 would require all services to be rendered in a fee-for-service setting.
- H.B. 2909 would increase cumulative state expenditures by an estimated \$126.2 million during FY 2014-2017.
- State General Fund portion of those additional expenditures would be \$54.3 million.

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