

Fee for Service Grievance Process

The *Fee for Service Grievance* process is for current KanCare members who do not have an MCO. These grievances are filed with the Kansas Medical Assistance Program or KMAP.

What is a Grievance? A grievance is an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than a *Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination* (previously called an Action).

Note: A Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination is when a state agency sends a notice that there has been an adverse decision/determination made regarding your eligibility or benefits (i.e. a state agency such as Kansas Medical Assistance Program/KMAP, Kansas Department of Health and Environment/KDHE, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services/KDADS or Kansas Department of Children and Families/DCF). A grievance does NOT change an adverse benefit determination.

When would I file a Grievance? If you have a problem with Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) or a network provider's services concerning such things as customer service, access to care, or your rights and dignity, you may file <u>an</u> <u>official complaint, or grievance</u>.



Possible subjects or examples of a Fee for Service Grievance might be:

- You are unhappy with the quality of your care or services provided
- Poor behavior by an employee of KMAP or one their providers
- The failure to respect a member's rights and dignity
- Issues with transportation
- You received a bill from a provider that should be covered by KMAP and KMAP said they are not covering it.
- Did not receive culturally appropriate care. Once the member has completed the grievance process, if unable to obtain culturally appropriate care, you can contact the KanCare Ombudsman's office for assistance.

How do I file a Fee for Service Grievance?

- Call or write to the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) about it; or
- Ask a representative of your choice to call or write to the KMAP.
 - If you ask a representative to call or write to the KMAP, you will need to include written approval for them to represent you. You may choose from one of the following:
 - Authorized Representative Designation Form: for Appeals, Hearings and Grievances
 - o Medical Representative Authorization: for



persons on Medicaid to authorize (allow) another person to help them with medical calls, paperwork, etc. If the person assisting is a DPOA or Guardian, they must include that paperwork with this form. Read the form carefully for details.

To submit a Fee for Service Grievance, write to KMAP: Mail to:

Kansas Medical Assistance Program Medicaid Grievances PO Box 3751 Topeka, KS 66601

Toll Free: 1-800-766-9012

What documentation do I need?

- You can file a grievance without providing documentation.
- If you have a record of when phone calls were made, who you talked to, general info regarding the conversation, that may be helpful

What is the timeline?

• There is no deadline for a submission of a grievance.

Fee for Service Grievance Worksheet

There is no special form required to submit an official grievance. You may use the following Grievance Worksheet as a script to guide you on the phone, in writing a letter, or you may mail or fax this worksheet as an alternative to a phone call or letter to submit your official Fee for Service Grievance.

This worksheet is an organizational tool only, and does not provide legal advice.



Fee for Service Grievance Worksheet

I am submitting this Fee for Service Grievance to: **Applicant/Member Contact Information** KanCare Applicant/Member Name (Please Print) Medicaid ID# or Case# KanCare Applicant/Member Street Address or PO Box: _____ Apt #: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Preferred Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____



Grievance Description

There is no special form required to submit an official Fee for Service Grievance. However, the KanCare Ombudsman office suggests that you write out your story with a clear time line marking the specific event that occurred as well as any difficulties that occurred due to that event.

Description of the event for which you are submitting a grievance (If you need more room, attach additional pages.):
Printed Name of Member (or parent/guardian) *
Signature of Member (or parent/guardian) *
Date:



*Note: If you are representing the KanCare applicant/member, please send this worksheet or your letter with one of the following two forms:

- Medical Representative Authorization form (See page 1 for links to the form)
- Authorized Representative Designation Form (See page 1 for links to the form)
- The Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) information should also be attached if applicable.