



# OneCare Kansas

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## Planning Council Update

November 2019 marked the one year anniversary of the formation of the OneCare Kansas Planning Council. Thanks to all of the people and organizations who dedicate their time each month to assure OCK is a quality program! At the November meeting, partners reviewed the Planning Council’s progress to date, received updates on current projects, and discussed needs and opportunities pre- and post-launch of the program. Updates included information on changes to the draft program manual, status of provider applications and the provider application network, a sneak peek of the upcoming Health Action Plan Portal, and MCO efforts to educate current Medicaid beneficiaries who have been identified as eligible for the program. Planning Council members were given the opportunity to provide additional ideas for engaging potential OCK members and for future provider education opportunities.

For more information or to see full Planning Council meeting summaries and slide presentations, visit <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/providers/onecare-ks-providers/onecare-kansas-planning-council>.

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## Provider Application and Staffing Requirements

We are currently accepting applications from potential providers and this will continue on an ongoing basis until we have a sufficient number of providers to adequately serve our members statewide. Interested providers are encouraged to apply. We are aware that many providers are holding off on submitting applications until closer to our April 1st launch date. The State discourages this and reassures providers that there is no penalty for applying and then rescinding should your situation or willingness to participate change.

The State would also like to remind providers that this is a statewide program. There are no rules related to catchment areas, and interested providers may extend themselves beyond their traditional geographic coverage areas under the OCK model. This may, therefore, represent an opportunity for some providers to grow their businesses.

Regarding staffing, the model allows OCK Partners to re-purpose current staff members to fill the professional requirements of OCK. Providers do not necessarily have to hire new staff members if their current staff is sufficient to cover their OCK membership. Although the MCOs will be monitoring the OCKPs to ensure that they have adequate staff to meet their volume of members, there are no prescribed ratios. Finally, as we are still some months from launch, it is not required that you have all staff hired at the time of your application.

If you are interested in the OCK program and have not yet applied, please feel free to contact Samantha Ferencik to discuss the program and have your questions answered.

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## OCK Provider Webinar: OCK Payment Structure

In this webinar, KDHE will provide a comprehensive description of the OneCare Kansas rate structure and how it was developed. It is recommended that any providers considering becoming a OCK Partner participate in this webinar prior to signing a contract to provide services.

**Event:** OneCare Kansas Provider Webinar Series: OCK Payment Structure

**When:** Wednesday 18 December 2019, 03:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Time Zone:** (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US and Canada)

### Audio Conference Details:

Audio is presented through your computer speakers.

If you are unable to join online, you may listen in via telephone.

Dial 1-877-400-9499 and enter conference code 658 421 2274#

**Presenter:** Presenter: Talya Quick

Talya Quick is a Senior Manager for the KDHE Division of Healthcare Finance.

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 95 PARTICIPANTS! REGISTER SOON!**

To register now, please visit the following link:

[https://wichitaccsr.adobeconnect.com/ock\\_paymentrates/event/registration.html](https://wichitaccsr.adobeconnect.com/ock_paymentrates/event/registration.html)

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## Provider Information Tour

The OCK State team and MCO partners will be holding an informational tour for providers in February 2020. The tour dates and cities are listed below. More detailed information will be available in the January newsletter and on our website, <https://kancare.ks.gov/providers/onecare-ks-providers/providers-interested-onecare-kansas/ock-news-events>.

Topeka– February 5, 2020

Colby– February 18, 2020

Wichita– February 19, 2020



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If you have questions, or would like more information about OneCare Kansas, please contact us.

Our page on the KanCare website also contains information about our work to develop the project and documents are being updated regularly.

If you would like to receive this newsletter please send us an email.

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## Lead in Toys

This holiday season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would like to remind our readers of the dangers of lead poisoning. Many children get toys and toy jewelry as gifts during the holiday season. Some toys, especially imported toys, antique toys, and toy jewelry, may contain lead.

Although lead is invisible to the naked eye and has no smell, exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health. Young children tend to put their hands, toys, or other objects—which may be made of lead or contaminated with lead or lead dust—into their mouths. If you have a small child in your household, make sure the child does not have access to toys, jewelry, or other items that may contain lead.

If you think your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, remove the toy immediately and contact your child's health care provider. Most children who are exposed to lead have no symptoms. A blood lead test is the only way to tell if your child has been exposed to lead.

Your child's health care provider can help you decide whether a blood lead test is needed and can recommend appropriate follow-up actions if your child has been exposed. No safe blood lead level in children has been identified. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, the ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. As levels of lead in the blood increase, adverse effects from lead may also increase.

The good news is that childhood lead poisoning is 100% preventable. If you would like to learn more about lead and how to keep your child safe please visit the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/features/leadintoy/index.html>