



KanCare 1115 Waiver Stakeholder Update
October 2022



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Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute

- **Welcome**
- **Who we are**
- **Why we are here**



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Meeting Logistics

- Please put cell phones on silent
- Restrooms
- Refreshments
- Feel free to ask questions and offer comments
- Email questions or comments to KanCareRenewal@ks.gov
- See WSU staff if you have questions or need help writing your comments
- If KDHE asks for your contact information so they can follow up with you directly, please give it to WSU Staff

Meeting Objectives

- To make sure KanCare members and stakeholders are aware of a proposed change to the KanCare 1115 Waiver.
- To make sure members and stakeholders understand why the State is considering the change.
- To listen to you and hear your ideas for the future.

Agenda

- Welcome
- KDHE:
 - Overview of proposed change to 1115 Waiver
 - Medicaid basics
 - Options considered
 - Outcomes of proposed change
- Small group discussion
- Questions



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KDHE and KDADS Welcome



**What is the
proposed
change?**

No Proposed Changes to KanCare Beneficiaries

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- **No Changes** to KanCare, the State of Kansas Medicaid program.
 - **No Changes** to the three managed care organizations (MCOs) who coordinate health care for all people enrolled in KanCare.
 - **No Changes** to KanCare coverage, eligibility rules, benefits and services provided through the MCOs.

Proposed Administrative Change

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- KanCare is now an established program.
 - The State needs to submit an application to renew the current 1115 Waiver by December 31, 2022.
 - The State anticipates making a change to the 1115 Waiver as it will better serve the Medicaid program.
 - This administrative change keeps our Medicaid program the same but gives Kansas more freedom to invest in Medicaid in the future.

Medicaid Basics



Medicaid Basics



Public insurance coverage for low-income families and individuals



It is jointly funded by the federal government and the state



Each state operates its own Medicaid program within federal guidelines

States need permission from CMS before changing the Medicaid program.

Authority

Medicaid State Plan

- Main agreement between a state and the federal government for running the Medicaid program.
- Ensures a state will follow federal regulations concerning federal Medicaid reimbursement.
- Ensures people receive the benefits required under Medicaid, as well as optional programs.

1915 (c) Waiver

- “Waives” some regular Medicaid rules.
- States can tailor services to meet the needs of a targeted group of individuals.
- Allows a state to change some Medicaid rules to deliver home and community-based services.

Authority

1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver

- Used for pilot and demonstration projects.
- A flexible way for states to pilot new things to help people covered by Medicaid.
- Allows states to require managed care enrollment.
- “Waives” some regular Medicaid rules.

1915 (b) Waiver

- Allows states to provide certain services to specific populations.
- “Waives” some regular Medicaid rules.
- Allows states to require managed care enrollment.



**How did we
decide to make
the KanCare
Waiver
Administrative
Change?**

Present Day: KanCare 1115 Waiver

- Since 2013, KanCare has operated under an umbrella Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver. Section 1115 waivers are used for pilot programs.
- This 1115 Waiver permitted Kansas to explore the expansion of the managed care option.
- The 1115 Waiver guides the relationship between the State and CMS. It sets limits (caps) on federal dollars and includes significant administrative requirements for the state.

The waiver is not tied to MCO contracts. The State can shift to a new authority without having to amend MCO contracts.

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Renewal Considerations: KanCare 1115 Waiver

Challenges



Places Kansas at risk for every dollar spent above CMS-set spending caps. Any spending in excess of those caps must be paid with state general funds.



Spending caps hinder state investment in Medicaid innovation.



1115 Waivers come with heavy administrative requirements, including evaluations to test the hypothesis of the waiver.



Benefits



Provides flexibility to waive requirements that normally apply to Medicaid programs.



Allows pilot programs like the current STEPS supported employment pilot program.



Great option when no other section of federal law authorizes the type of project the state wishes to pursue.

With few exceptions, Kansas no longer needs 1115 Waiver authority to operate KanCare in its current form.

Proposed Options to Consider: KanCare 1115 Waiver

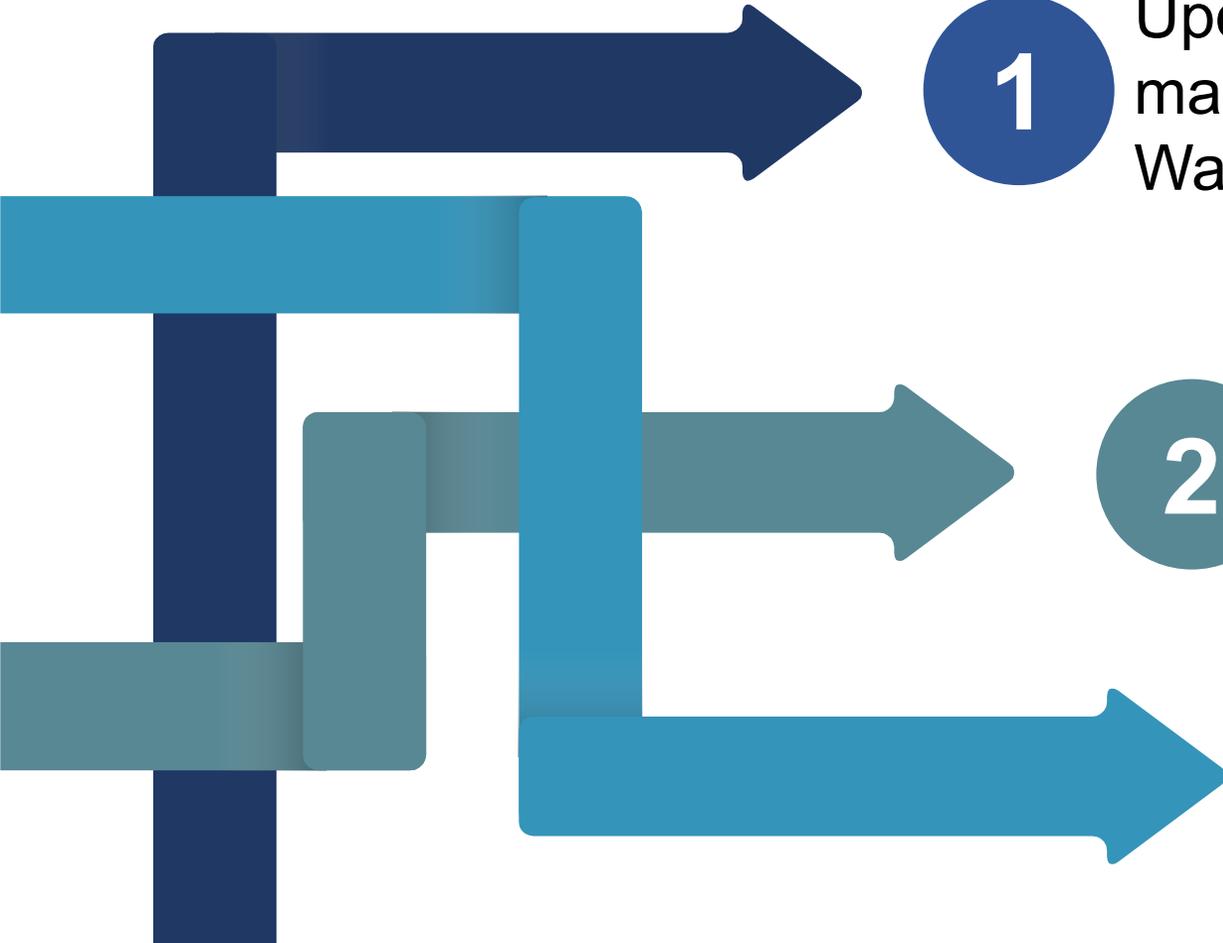
Renew current 1115 Waiver as is:

- CMS would set new budget neutrality spending caps based on historical spending data. These spending caps would stay the same throughout the entire 5 years of the waiver.
- Kansas has little ability to negotiate these caps.

Shift to other sources of Federal authority:

- Shifting managed care to the state plan authority would better represent the program.
- Shifting to different authorities can reduce the states administrative burden and minimize the risk of having to pay back CMS if Kansas overspends its 1115 Waiver.

The Proposed 1115 Waiver Administrative Change



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Update the authority for managed care out of the 1115 Waiver and into the State Plan.

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Use 1915(b) managed care authority for all HCBS Waivers and other populations.

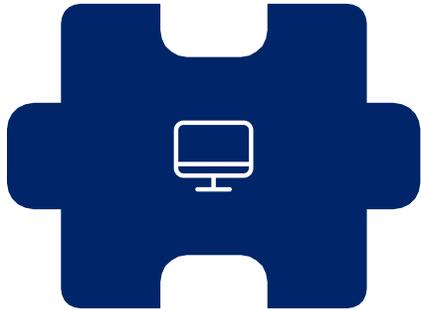
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Keep a small 1115 Waiver for aspects of KanCare that can only be implemented under that authority.

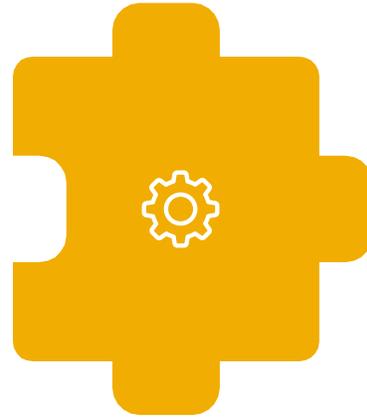
**What does this
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administrative
change mean for
you?**



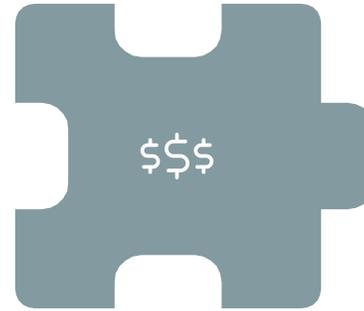
Outcomes of Proposed Administrative Change



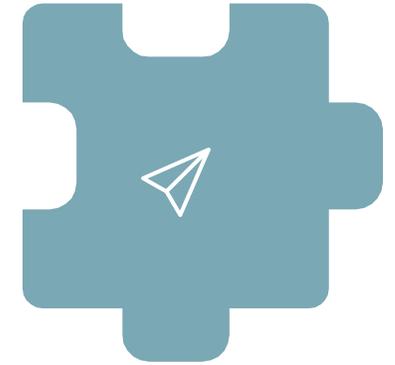
No changes to KanCare services and eligibility rules



Encourages stability and access to care

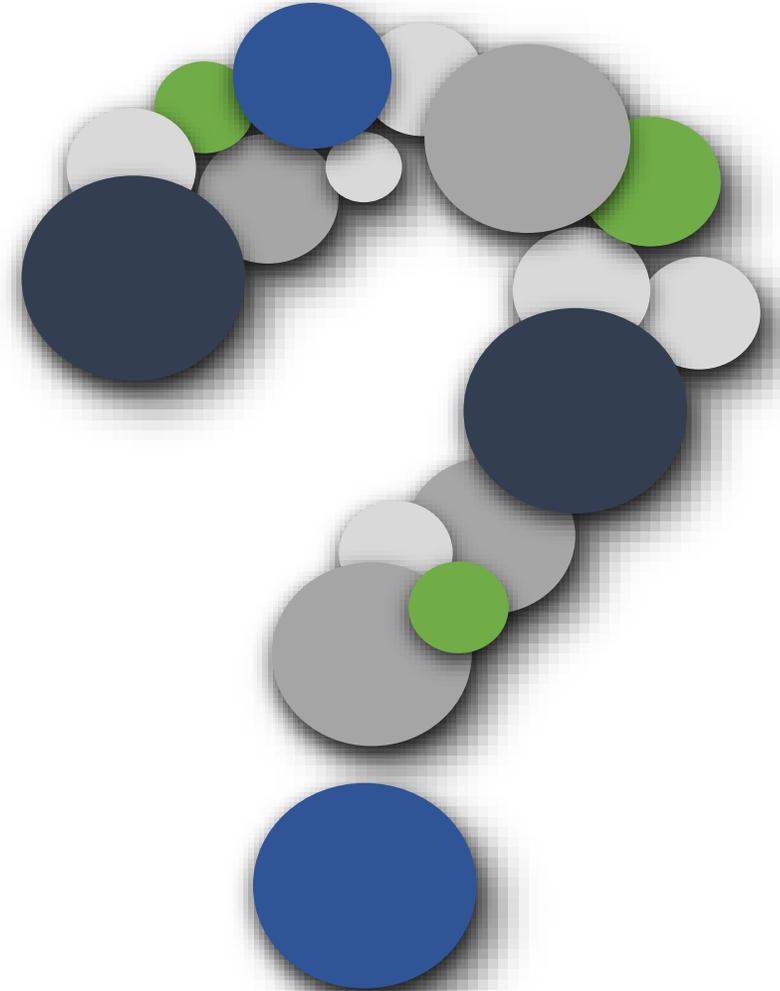


Allows Kansas to make strategic investments in KanCare



Allows the state to implement new programs on our own timeline

Are there any questions on the proposed administrative change?



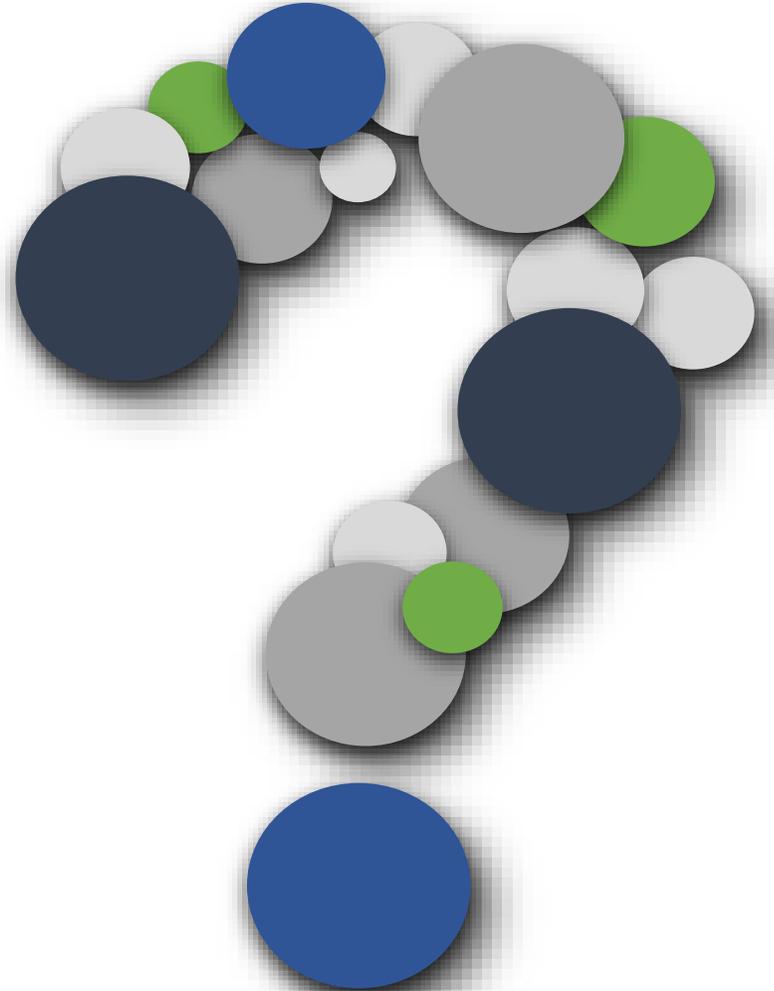
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**We want to
hear from you.**

Small Group Discussion

- What does KanCare currently do well?
- What are the challenges KanCare should focus on addressing?
- What aspects of KanCare do you think are essential to daily quality of life?
- What service/program/etc. if added, will improve the quality of life for KanCare members?





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Questions and Feedback

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Thank you!
