

KanCare Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
KDHE	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
KDADS	Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Managed Care Organization	A private health plan that provides health care and other services to individuals with Medicaid.
Medicaid Authority	The type of federal permission the State uses to obtain approval for certain services to help people with Medicaid. Examples are Medicaid State Plan, 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver, 1915b Waiver and 1915c waiver.
Medicaid Rules	Federal government rules that tell a state how it can operate its Medicaid program.
Medicaid State Plan	The agreement between the State and the federal government that says how the State can run the Medicaid program.
Medicaid Waiver	An approved request from the State to the federal government to “waive,” or not apply, certain Medicaid rules.
STEPS	Supports and Training for Employing People Successfully (STEPS). It allows Kansans who have a permanent disability to work and keep Medicaid health care coverage.
1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver	An approved state request to the federal government to “waive,” or not apply, certain Medicaid rules. It allows the State to be innovative and pilot or

	research services to better help individuals with KanCare health coverage.
1915b Waiver	An approved state request to the federal government to “waive” or not apply certain Medicaid rules. It allows the State to offer certain services to help people live in their own home and community.
1915c HCBS Waiver	An approved state request from to the federal government to “waive,” or not apply, certain Medicaid rules. It allows the State to offer certain services to help people live in their own home and community.