

1115 Waiver Stakeholder Update

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.