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Planning Council Re-cap

At the January meeting of the OCK Planning Council, members received updates on the OCK Newsletter and the OCK Provider Application form. In addition, the Planning Council hosted a luncheon update for members of the 2019 Kansas Legislature. The seven legislators who attended either in person or by proxy were provided with an update on progress toward the activities listed in the 2018 Legislative Proviso that asked for the reinstatement of Medicaid Health Homes in Kansas. Legislators also participated in a discussion about the next steps for the initiative, which included a request to extend the planning process into FY2020 to assure a quality and effective program, which they hope to introduce this session. Visit <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/providers/onecare-ks-providers/onecare-kansas-planning-council> to view the information that was provided to the Legislators and a full report from the Planning Council each month.





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OneCare Kansas Payment and Rate Development

The State’s actuary, Optumas, is in the early stages of developing OneCare Kansas rates, relying on multiple actuarial assumptions. Multiple sources of program-specific information, such as the OneCare Kansas policy, industry information and their in-house clinician will be utilized to ensure the assumptions are well-informed, unbiased, and as accurate as possible. Optumas will also be reviewing Health Home programs in other states to benchmark the overall reasonableness of the assumptions and the resulting final rates.

The following outlines the information taken into consideration when developing the rates:

- Target Population
- Professional Costs
- Service Utilization for the following set of core benefits:
 - Comprehensive Care Management
 - Care Coordination
 - Health Promotion
 - Comprehensive Transitional Care
 - Individual and Family Support
 - Referral to Community and Support Services
- Non-Medical Loading

Quality and Reporting

Quality: The OCK quality sub-group is meeting weekly to identify resources previously developed for the original Health Homes program. Four key components of the quality program have been identified for development including federal goals and measures, quality monitoring of providers, key management activities reporting, and fiscal agent reporting. The team is revising reports and measures that will serve as a foundation for building the OCK quality program and comply with the required [CMS 2018 Core Set Measures](#).

The subgroup is studying the feasibility of employing a stand-alone system for data warehousing and report management capabilities. Research of the Missouri model is underway, and a conference call with the Missouri team is scheduled this month to investigate their approach to quality monitoring, data collection, and report management. Also, the team will be reaching out to Mathematica Policy Research, the federal contractor, for technical assistance with the development of several new required measures.

Data and Reporting: A second sub-group has taken shape to support the data use agreement with the University of Kansas and collaborate on the development of the target population. As the target population and quality measure develop, the Data and Reporting group will partner with MCO’s and other stakeholders to get reporting established and refined.



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OneCare Kansas Communication Updates and Tools

The OCK Provider Application's unveiling is the big news on the Communication front this month. The Application is posted to the website and we are in the process of developing a webinar that will help interested providers navigate the Application and better understand the submission and contracting process and timelines. In the meantime, feel free to take a look at the Application and contact Samantha with any questions you may have.

In the coming weeks please also look for the following materials to be added to the website:

- **Member Referral Form** — We know that many of our previous Health Home members found their way into the program via referrals. We are working hard to hammer out the details of this process for our OCK population and we will finalize and post a Referral Form to the website as soon as these details are finalized.
- **Member Refusal Form** — The State Team understands that there will be times when a OCK Partner is unable or unwilling to serve particular members. Though this is unfortunate when it happens, we know that we need to be prepared. Look for a Refusal Form in the near future that will spell out when refusals are appropriate and how refusals will be processed.

The OCK state team is always eager to meet the needs of our partners. If you have ideas or suggestions about our communication strategy or additional documents we should develop please let us know!

OneCare Kansas at the Legislature

The State Team continues to work towards implementation by producing documents, providing education and delivering testimony to our State Legislature. On February 5, 2019 Becky Ross delivered testimony to the House Social Service Budget Committee regarding the progress we are making on OneCare.

Her testimony was met with enthusiasm and support. Becky fielded a number of questions from interested legislators and we left with the impression that legislators are open to the idea of further discussion around our implementation date.



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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.

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A Special Note...

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention

The CDC reminds us that when winter temperatures plummet and home heating systems run for hours the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. Here are some tips to stay safe.

Recognize CO Poisoning

CO is found in fumes produced by furnaces, kerosene heaters, vehicles “warmed up” in closed garages, portable heaters/generators, or by burning charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned and can die from breathing CO.

Every year, at least 430 people die in the U.S. from accidental CO poisoning and approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. visit the emergency department due to accidental CO poisoning each year. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms.

CO Poisoning Prevention Tips

The good news is that CO poisoning is entirely preventable. By taking the following precautions you can ensure your safety:

- Install a CO detector and make sure the batteries in your CO detector are changed every six months.
- Have a qualified technician service all heating systems each year.
- Keep vents and flues free of debris.
- Do not leave a motor running in a vehicle parked in any enclosed or partially enclosed space such as a garage.
- If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 or a health care professional right away.

For more information, see [Carbon Monoxide \(CO\) Poisoning Prevention](#) on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) website.