

LIFE PATTERNS INC.

Life Patterns Lowdown

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**Office Closed
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In observance of
Memorial Day



Summer is Coming!

Planning for Summer

Summer is right around the corner and school is almost out. Those individuals with an IEP on their service plan may see and increase for summer hours. Often there are additional hours that are given for members during the summer if the need arises.

Please call our office if you have any questions regarding how many hours are allowed on your service plan.

Workers

If you are hiring workers that have worked previously, keep in mind that background checks must be up to date. Workers need to re-clear all Kansas required background checks every two years.

If you are hiring new workers for the summer, they need to complete a hire packet and pass all the required background checks prior to working. The hire packet can be found on our website at www.lifepatternsks.org.

Protect Medicaid: Tell Congress to Reject Harmful Cuts

Although there are few recent updates, it remains clear that both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are moving forward with budget resolutions that set the stage for deep Medicaid cuts.

The House has already passed a resolution requiring **at least \$880 billion in cuts**, primarily targeting Medicaid. These cuts would be devastating—especially for people with disabilities and the community provider networks they rely on.

Here's what's at stake:

- **Shifting costs to states**, forcing cuts to provider rates or reductions in essential services.
- **Threatening home and community-based services (HCBS)**, leading to longer waitlists and increased institutionalization.
- **Undermining critical supports** that allow people with disabilities to live and thrive in their communities.

We need your voice. Please contact your Senators and Representatives and urge them to **reject these proposed Medicaid cuts**. Your outreach can make a real difference—members of Congress rely on input from constituents when making decisions.

Find your Representatives: <https://www.congress.gov/>

AuthentiCare Time Keeping

AuthentiCare is the system used for time tracking and claiming hours. Use of this system is mandated, and workers must use the AuthentiCare 2.0 App to clock in and out or use the individual receiving services' landline to call the AuthentiCare IVR system to clock in and out. If you are unable to utilize the system with these two options, we need to have an exception with our office where we show that all options are not an available option.

Time Changes

If there is a missing clock in or out, a Time Change form must be completed and returned to Life Patterns within 48 hours of the shift. No complete shifts will be added to AuthentiCare. Workers must remember to use the AuthentiCare System. This is the best way to ensure that workers are paid for the hours they are working. Time Change Forms can be found on our website.

Technical Issues

Any technical system will come with its own set of problems. Here are some things to keep in mind when using the AuthentiCare system:

- **Password Changes:** if it is asking you to update your password, it works best if the worker calls our office and requests for it to be updated.
- Face ID and/or fingerprint are not recommended. Use the worker ID and password to log in.
- If you got a new phone or device, you will need to complete the Google form on our website to set up your new device.
- Setup Code is KANSASPRD.