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Life Patterns Lowdown

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Summer Vacations and How to use Services

With summer finally here and school out, there are many that are likely to travel or take vacations. We recently received clarity on using services during that time.

KDADS has indicated that Medicaid funds cannot be used outside of the United States. Workers or families of individuals will have to provide support informally.

Federal Budget Bill has reached the Senate

The Senate has returned to Washington and is preparing to take up H.R. 1—the budget reconciliation bill recently passed by the House. This legislation includes hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts to our health care system, with particularly devastating consequences for Medicaid. If enacted, it could leave nearly 11 million people uninsured over the next decade.

The bill would:

- Shift Medicaid funding burdens to states, putting essential community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and other waiver participants at serious risk.
- Impose strict work-reporting requirements, making it harder for many to keep their Medicaid coverage.
- Eliminate critical financing tools that help states maintain vital disability services.

Delay or block federal regulations aimed at streamlining enrollment and preventing unnecessary coverage loss.

What you can do:

Contact your Senators and urge them to reject any legislation that cuts Medicaid or jeopardizes services for people with disabilities. These harmful provisions would have long-term impacts on the health, independence, and well-being of millions.

Why This Matters:

H.R. 1 puts at risk the essential support that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families rely on. These proposed cuts would deepen the direct care workforce crisis, reduce access to critical community-based services, and undermine the health and independence of people with disabilities.

Take Action:

Urge the Senate to protect Medicaid and uphold the promise of inclusion, dignity, and community living for people with disabilities.

Hiring New Support Workers

Hire Packets

If you need to hire a new worker, there is a hire packet that you must complete and return to our office for processing. It can be found on our website at <https://lifepatternsks.org/support-workers> or you can call for us to mail you one. This packet contains all the required paperwork for state and federal regulations along with contractual agreements and background checks.

The worker packet must be complete and return every form in the packet, and include copies of ID documents requested. The original Employment Eligibility (I-9) form must be mailed to our office. Employers should also see forms that require their completion and signature. Once we have everything in the office (including the original I-9 form), Life Patterns will start running the background checks. Background checks usually take about a week to return but sometimes take longer. Life Patterns will reach out once they have cleared.

Once the workers have cleared the background checks and are set up with Life Patterns, they can start claiming hours for the person on the wavier services. They must set up the AuthentiCare App to clock in and out. There is no back-pay for hours worked before they are set up with Life Patterns.

AuthentiCare App

The worker should download the app: AuthentiCare 2.0. It will ask for a setup code- that is KANSASPRD.

To get their phone setup to use the app, the worker will need to complete the form on the homepage of our website: www.LifePatternsKS.org , which will ask for their AuthentiCare Worker ID that is assigned by Life Patterns and some information from their phone.

Once the worker submits the correct Device ID and information, we will set the worker up to use the app to clock in and out and will send written directions to navigate the app.

Activity Codes

Upon clocking out for a shift, the worker will be instructed to select each activity that took place while they were clocked in. There is a list of activities to choose from. Be sure the worker is choosing only the activities that took place, and that those activities are reflected as authorized on the individual's service plan.

Place of Service

The worker will also need to select a "Place of Service," which will indicate where the services took place for the majority of the time they were clocked in. There are only two Place of Service codes that apply to Self-Directed Care and NO other Place of Service code should be used.

12 – Home

99 – Other Place of Service (Community)

If there are more than one shift worked in a single day, the codes should be the same for all shifts that are in AuthentiCare.

Eligibility with KanCare

There have recently been some ongoing eligibility issues and as a reminder, families and individuals need to reapply annually with KDHE for KanCare services. Paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the Clearinghouse on time. If the member is determined to be ineligible, it can lead to a gap in services.

The KanCare Clearing house will not share information with Life Patterns on the status of the member's eligibility. Families and individuals must call the Clearinghouse directly.

KanCare Clearinghouse: 1-800-792-4884