



LeadingAge Kansas 2021 Legislative Priorities

LEAD

Maximum organizational effort – assume a visible and active role and expend significant time, energy and grassroots power to advance)

Establish Full Pandemic Liability Protections for Adult Care Homes

Position: Adult care homes require the same liability protections as every other Kansas health care provider during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nursing Facility Funding for State Fiscal Year 2022

Position: Medicaid funding for SFY 2022 must be in compliance with K.S.A. 75-5958, and be adequate to assure quality long term care for frail elderly Kansans.

Temporary Agency Staffing in Long Term Care

Position: Temporary staffing agencies require oversight and reforms to protect the public and the Medicaid program.

ENGAGE

Moderate organizational effort – not necessarily as the lead advocacy entity, but rather, targeted activity such as coalition membership, collaborative advocacy efforts, contribution of information and/or testimony

Kansas State Fire Marshal Reform

Position: Survey and Enforcement reform is badly needed within the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal

Change the Protected Income Limit for HCBS and PACE Participants to 150% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Position: A protected income limit that keeps pace with the cost of living is essential for people receiving services in their communities

MONITOR

Minimal organizational effort, active tracking, weigh in as deemed necessary

Medicaid Expansion

Position: Support creation of a KanCare expansion plan that promotes personal responsibility for participants, and minimizes its effect on the state Medicaid budget.

Returning Issues Likely in 2021 Session:

- Electronic monitoring (Admissibility of edited recordings)
- Legislative taskforce on senior care
- Antipsychotic use
- Assisted living discharge appeal rights
- Nursing home staffing minimums
- Nursing home infection control issues