



## **LeadingAge Kansas 2023 Legislative Priorities**

### **LEAD**

#### **Nursing Facility and PACE Funding for State Fiscal Year 2024**

**Position:** Medicaid funding for SFY 2024 must comply with rate rebasing laws, and the Kansas Legislature must fully fund our reimbursement formulas to assure quality long term care for frail elderly Kansans.

#### **Temporary Agency Staffing in Long Term Care**

**Position:** Temporary health care staffing agencies require oversight and reforms to protect the public, as well as the financial stability of Medicaid providers and the Medicaid program. We support introduction of legislation to establish regulatory oversight and pricing transparency to curb the harmful business practices by staffing agencies in our state.

### **ENGAGE**

#### **State Investments in Health Care Workforce Training and Recruitment**

**Position:** Adult care homes are in desperate need of an abundant, stable, and well-trained workforce. We need continued investments that will assist long term care to attract and retain more workers in our field. We support state-funded grant programs that provide tuition assistance for students entering health and human services fields, as well as expanded funding to support more health and human services-related apprenticeship programs.

#### **HCBS/FE Funding in Assisted Living**

**Position:** We support increased funding to support HCBS clients in assisted living settings. Adequate reimbursement for HCBS clients allows seniors with increasing needs to receive care in less-costly settings and avoid unnecessary nursing home placements.

## **MONITOR**

### **Involuntary Discharge Appeal Rights for Assisted Living Residents**

**Position:** We have serious concerns regarding legislation granting appeal rights to residents who have been involuntarily discharged from an assisted living or other state-licensed adult care homes. Forcing an assisted living facility to retain a resident whose needs it cannot meet has wide-ranging and seriously negative effects on the health and safety of residents, and the continued affordability and operations of residential care settings.

### **Increased Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Instructors**

**Position:** Kansas must increase its workforce pipeline to meet current and future health care workforce needs. We support education funding increases and other proposals aimed at increasing the state's ability to recruit and retain instructors for all healthcare-related programs.

### **Reducing Regulatory Barriers to Entering the Health Care Workforce**

**Position:** We support open and engaged discussion around unnecessary regulatory and licensing requirements that delay or prohibit more Kansans from entering the health care field. Licensing and certification requirements must carefully balance public safety with workforce shortage needs in Kansas. The lack of staffing in health care settings is itself a significant threat to public safety.