



## **LeadingAge Kansas 2024 Legislative Priorities**

### **LEAD**

#### **Nursing Facility, Hospice, and PACE Funding for State Fiscal Year 2025**

**Position:** Medicaid funding for SFY2025 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.

### **ENGAGE**

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

**Position:** We have serious concerns regarding recent legislation granting appeal rights to residents who have been involuntarily discharged from an assisted living or other state-licensed adult care home. The approach taken in the proposed legislation does not adequately address providers' concerns around resident safety, regulatory and legal issues, and the continued affordability of assisted living settings.

#### **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 legislation to establish regulatory oversight and transparency to curb harmful business practices by staffing agencies in our state.

### **MONITOR**

#### **State Investments in Health and Human Services Workforce Training and Recruitment**

**Position:** Health and human services sectors are in desperate need of an abundant, stable, and well-trained workforce. We need continued investments that will assist our providers to attract and retain more workers in their fields. We support state-funded grant programs that provide tuition assistance for students entering these fields and a statewide approach to studying human service workforces for further recommendations.

#### **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.

#### **Enhancing Benefits and Services to Aging Kansans**

**Position:** We support enhancing oral health benefits and senior nutrition program access to aging Kansans. Supports and benefits such as these go a long way to addressing basic needs, maintaining dignity, and preventing unnecessary future healthcare costs.

#### **Medicaid Expansion**

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