



LeadingAge Kansas 2022 Legislative Priorities

LEAD

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

Nursing Facility Funding for State Fiscal Year 2023

Position: Medicaid funding for SFY 2023 must be in compliance with K.S.A. 75-5958, and the Kansas Legislature must fully fund our reimbursement formula 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 previous House Bill 2629 to cap temporary staffing agency pricing and establish regulatory oversight to curb the worst business practices by staffing agencies in our state.

Restore Use of Temporary Aides During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Position: Staffing needs remain at a crisis level in Kansas adult care homes. We support Executive and Legislative branch actions to allow adult care homes to once again use temporary aides to supplement resident care needs.

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

Modernize and Expand Certified Nurse Aide Training in Kansas

Position: Certified Nurse Aides are the backbone of long term care services and supports. CNA certification is also a prerequisite for Certified Medication Aides, Home Health Aides, Licensed

Practical Nursing and some Registered Nursing programs in Kansas. Finding ways to increase the CNA training pipeline is an essential part of solving workforce issues across the entire health care spectrum. We support efforts to update CNA statutes and regulations to expand instructor categories and clinical modernization.

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 long term investments that will assist long term care, and health care providers in general, to attract and retain more workers in the health care field. We support state-funded grant programs and tuition reimbursement for students who commit to working in long term care other high shortage areas of the state.

MONITOR

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

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 home. 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.

Kansas State Fire Marshal Reform

Position: Survey and Enforcement reform is always needed within the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal. We support efforts to limit the scope and authority of the Kansas Fire Marshal and any reforms that lead to more flexibility within fire marshal regulations and more consistency in the application of those regulations.

Medicaid Expansion

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