

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) in Kansas

Kancare

KanCare is the program that the State of Kansas uses to administer Medicaid. Kansas has contracted with three Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to coordinate healthcare for all of those on Medicaid. Each individual has a choice of one of the MCOs. All HCBS are a part of KanCare. The health plans are required to coordinate all care a consumer receives.

HCBS

HCBS in Kansas oversees the process of providing supports and services for people with disabilities in Kansas. Kansas HCBS Medicaid Waivers allow individuals to “self-direct” some or all of their in-home supports. Participant-Direction means that the participant or their representative has the right to hire, train, schedule, supervise and employ Personal Care Service Workers (PCSW) to work with the participant in their home and community.



Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible for Kansas HCBS, you must:

- Have active KanCare (Kansas Medicaid)
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a physical disability and/or chronic medical condition such as diabetes that reduces your ability to care for yourself without assistance
- Have the desire and ability to self-direct your own care and employ your own attendant.

Services Provided by TWP

The Whole Person provides payroll services for three HCBS waivers:

1. Physical Disabilities Waiver

Provides the following services as long as they are approved in an Integrated Service Plan (ISP) from the MCO:

- Personal Services
- Assistive Services
- Enhanced Care Service (ECS)
- Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) and Installation

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years old and not older than 65
- Determined disabled by social security
- Need assistance to perform activities of daily living.
- Qualify for Medicaid nursing facility

2. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver

Provides services to ensure that individuals can stay in their home and be independent in a safe, healthy environment.

Qualifications:

- Have a traumatic brain injury
- Be at least 18 years old and not older than 65
- Meet criteria for TBI rehabilitation hospital placement
- Qualifies for Medicaid

3. Frail Elderly (FE) Waiver

Provides the option for seniors who receive Medicaid and qualify to receive community- based services, as an alternative to nursing facility care.

Provides the following services as long as they are approved in a ISP from the MCO:

- Personal Care
 - Household Tasks
 - Health Services
- Qualifications:
- Over 65 years old
 - Qualifies for Medicaid
 - Meets Medicaid long-term care guidelines

The Whole Person is committed to working with individuals, families, and communities to promote independent living and individual choice to people with disabilities.

Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

Services for Kansas Residents

The Whole Person (TWP) provides direct services and advocacy to Kansas residents.

These services include:

- Information and Referral Services
- Financial Management Services (FMS)
- Money Follows the Person
- Home Modifications
- Assistance with obtaining federal benefits such as Social Security
- The Whole Family Project
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Blindness Low Vision Experience

Support Groups

Peer groups provide a forum for problem solving, brainstorming, sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues individually and collectively.

Visit thewholeperson.org for information about meeting times and locations of the following groups:

- Brain Injury Peer Support Group
- Consumer Advocacy Group
- Deaf Peer Social and Support Group
- Life With Spinal Cord Injuries or Related Disabilities (SCI/D)
- Mental Health Peer Mentoring Group
- Blindness Low Vision Experience



Systems Advocacy Services

TWP also provides systems advocacy services to Kansas residents. These include:

- Public Policy Systems Advocacy
 - Membership with Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (KACIL)
 - Membership with Kansas Advocacy Network-Disability Organization (KAN-DO)
 - Membership with National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
 - Involvement with Alliance for a Healthy Kansas (KanCare Expansion)
 - Involvement with Kansas Affairs Committee through Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

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