

**Neutral Testimony on HB 2784
Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2784 which makes several changes to current statute regarding Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs). CCRC is a national designation for a facility type with multiple levels of care ranging from independent living to skilled nursing. Often times residents are charged an upfront fee before admission or agree to a fixed-price payment plan intended to cover the range of care needed for the duration of their life within the services provided by the CCRC.

HB 2784 makes several policy changes related to CCRCs:

- It further defines what a CCRC is.
- Moves registration of CCRCs from the Kansas Insurance Department to the Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services.

KDADS supports adding the definition of a CCRC to the definition of the types of facilities KDADS licenses on page 3, number 9 of HB 2784. The House Health & Human Services Committee amended this definition to connect the facility types with an “or” instead of an “and” which provides more realistic expectations of levels of care that can be provided by a CCRC.

HB 2784 also transfers the authority for certification of CCRC facilities from the Kansas Insurance Department to KDADS. KDADS is neutral on this change and leaves that policy decision up to the Legislature.

With amendments made by the House Health & Human Services Committee, KDADS is comfortable with this bill if it were to pass in its current form. Those amendments included:

- Removing CCRC from the definition of an adult care home. This change would have created a licensure category for independent living facilities that does not currently exist.
- Striking Sec. 9 which adjusted the rates of the Quality Care Assessment. KDADS had concerns the rates originally included in the bill would not comply with federal requirements and put the entire Quality Care Assessment program at risk.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2784. I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Respectfully,

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