



## **Making KanCare Work for Kansas Consumers**

KanCare, the Governor's plan to reform Medicaid, has the stated goals of improving health outcomes for beneficiaries while also bending the cost curve of Medicaid over time. The goals of KanCare are laudable, but with more than 300,000 Kansans on Medicaid, a lot is at stake, and Kansas needs to get it right.

Measures must be in place from the outset to ensure accountability and transparency for the Kansans who rely on Medicaid for healthcare coverage.

We believe the principles of accountability and transparency can be achieved in three primary ways:

### **Informed Implementation**

- Implementation must include substantive consumer feedback; a functioning consumer advisory group is crucial to inform all aspects of implementation and evaluation from day one.
- With any change of this magnitude, our state is likely to encounter bumps in the road. So it is crucial that Kansas be open to pacing implementation through strategic pilot projects, ongoing policy and cost analysis, and other measures to ensure the state has an in-depth understanding of KanCare's many moving parts and to aid in its smooth implementation.

### **Effective Legislative Oversight**

- KanCare must be subject to legislative benchmarking and monitoring to ensure that KanCare achieves its intended cost savings without jeopardizing the quality of care or services for Kansans.

### **Timely data and analysis**

- Openness and transparency should guide Kansas in implementing KanCare. Public reporting on, and access to timely data and analysis are necessary to evaluate consumer satisfaction, access to services, network adequacy, and health outcomes for vulnerable populations.