



Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

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"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"

Testimony on 2029 DD carve out from KanCare

I am Steve Gieber, the Executive Director of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities. The Council is made up of self-advocates, family members, state agencies, and our partners identified in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act.

I am also a member of the DD pilot advisory workgroup.

Federal and state laws created the Council to advise policymakers on issues that impact people with disabilities and their families. The Council is very concerned about the inclusion of long-term care services in KanCare. Our concerns come from three areas:

1. Will it save money or divert resources?

Texas commissioned a study in 2010, which failed to identify enough waste in the DD system to cover the additional cost of the managed care company. The consultants recommended that a pilot run at least three years to test any model. Texas has yet to implement a pilot as this issue currently is being debated in the Texas legislature. The Texas drafts I have seen call for two pilots, one private one public, to start by September 2014. The pilots will run for three years. Both are capitated, integrated models, and if proven effective and efficient then all long-term DD service will transition to managed care.

The basic premise that should be tested before we make this kind of major change to a system is, **will it save money without jeopardizing service quality and outcomes?**

2. Have we taken a good look at all the different options?

Managed Care has many models with major differences between them.

They can be:

- Private or public,
- No risk, some risk, non capitated, or capitated with/without profit.
- Care can be integrated with medical services or non-integrated

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