

**75-5925. Information and referral network concerning information about and access to services available for persons with Alzheimer's and related diseases; establishment through existing toll-free telephone system; duties of secretary.**

(a) The secretary for aging and disability services shall establish an information and referral network through the existing toll-free telephone system to assist persons with Alzheimer's and related diseases, their relatives and friends and other persons in obtaining information about and access to services available for persons with Alzheimer's and related diseases. The telephone system shall be designed to permit any person in the state to place a toll-free call into the network.

(b) The secretary for aging and disability services shall establish within the Kansas department for aging and disability services an information and referral network under subsection (a) and research national, state and local information on Alzheimer's and related diseases and disseminate this information through the information and referral network. The secretary for aging and disability services shall publicize the existence and purpose of the toll-free telephone network established by this section and the telephone number of such network.

(c) In establishing the information and referral network under this section, the secretary for aging and disability services shall:

(1) Develop policies and procedures to document requests for assistance and monitor follow-up on such requests;

(2) develop policies and procedures to maintain confidentiality of requests for assistance;

(3) provide as part of the toll-free telephone network a call-forward system to assist in providing access to information;

(4) seek the cooperation and assistance of area agencies on aging in disseminating information and making referrals under this section;

(5) develop and periodically update a resource file of information to answer requests and expedite referrals; and

(6) assure that staff be trained in the area of Alzheimer's disease and related diseases on an ongoing basis.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas act on the aging.

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