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To Whom it may concern,

I am a dentist and have been a Medicaid provider in rural northwest Kansas for 32 years.

I have struggled to compose a simple message that applies to a number of issues related to KanCare.

There is only one reason to be a provider for KanCare; to help the community in which I live. There is no other benefit.

The burden of providing this access to dental healthcare is becoming too great for variety of reasons: list shown below.

-Low reimbursement for services;

expecting health care providers to provide "free to extremely low costs" with no consideration to the costs time, materials, employees, etc

-Unrealistic expectations regarding timeliness of appointments;

Example: expecting KanCare patients to be seen sooner than other patients, or within 24 hours of called in to set up appointment

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-The concept of "gift cards" as incentives is absurd

Maybe the "gift card" could be used for products in office for purchases such as toothbrushes, tooth paste or fluoride treatments.

My Continued participation is in serious jeopardy in providing care for patients with KanCare. Please consider making changes to the KanCare program that would be more realistic for health care providers, such as myself, to continue providing for our patients.

Sincerely,

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