

***Draft Recommendations to the Kansas Legislature from the 2022 Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) Waiver Modernization (Special Committee)***

In consideration of the development of a “Community Support” Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver to serve individuals with I/DD needing fewer services and supports than those provided on the existing Comprehensive I/DD waiver, the Special Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) should provide a fiscal note for each service discussed by the Special Committee for possible inclusion in the Community Support waiver. These services include:
  - a. Transportation;
  - b. Supported employment;
  - c. Individual directed goods and services;
  - d. Personal care;
  - e. Respite;
  - f. Therapy (including Behavioral Support);
  - g. Assistive technology;
  - h. Independent living or community engagement skills;
  - i. Family/caregiver support and training;
  - j. Financial management services and support brokers; and
  - k. Benefits counseling.
2. The Community Support waiver should include the service of “individual directed goods and services” with an annual individual cap of \$20,000.
3. The Special Committee supports the transition of the Medicaid managed care system from the 1115 waiver to the 1915(b) waiver.
4. KDADS and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) should continue to study strengths-based assessments, such as the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) or the Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI), as alternatives to the deficit-based BASIS assessment tool for HCBS I/DD waivers.
5. The Community Support waiver should include “individual budget authority” across all services.
6. KDADS and KDHE should identify a process to prevent individuals being removed from the autism proposed recipient list without notification.