

RESOLUTION 2012-009

JEFFERSON COUNTY RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER ANY CHANGE IN THE MEDICAID OR HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO REMOVE LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES FOR SAID PERSONS FROM THE PROPOSED PRIVATIZED MANAGED CARE PLAN, AND TO CONTINUE PRESENT STATE/COUNTY-APPOINTED CDDO ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Kansas Constitution establishes that the state shall care for and support persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and ;

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disability Reform Act of 1995 and Article 64 of the Kansas Administrative Regulations establishes that services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities shall be provided by means of a system of contracts between state of Kansas and county-appointed Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs), who in turn contract with private service providers, and;

WHEREAS, the current public-private contracting structure provides efficient, effective, and privatized, Medicaid waiver home-and community based service delivery with less than 3% administrative payment to CDDOs, and ;

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas plans to transform Medicaid through additional privatization by adding another system of contracting with three managed care vendors, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed privatization with three managed care vendors calls into question which administrative entity and appeal structure is ultimately responsible for long-term care services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and ;

WHEREAS, the life-long need for long-term services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities is not reduced by providing enhanced medical and behavioral health care coordination, health homes, and preventative healthcare, and ;

WHEREAS, persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities can benefit from plans to provide enhanced medical/behavioral healthcare coordination, health homes, and preventative healthcare to improve health outcomes, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSIONERS THAT:

The Commissioner hereby urge the Governor's administration to:

1. Remove the system of long-term care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from January 2012 implementation of Medicaid managed care, and ;
2. Maintain the current state/community developmental disability contracting, administration, dispute resolution, and appeal system, and ;
3. Include intellectual and developmental disabilities in proposed Medicaid managed care plans for integrated medical/behavioral healthcare coordination, health homes, and preventative healthcare to improve health outcomes, and
4. Reconsider how proposed saving on long-term care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can be achieved with Medicaid managed care without reducing benefit levels, provider reimbursement, or eligibility, and;
5. Protect vulnerable Kansans by thorough and open vetting of potential managed care vendors for history of Medicaid fraud/abuse of public funds, customer satisfaction/timely reimbursement for services delivered, and historical performance of the improved health and financial saving outcomes.
6. This resolution shall take effect and be in force on and above then after its adoption by each of the said Counties.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, Kansas this 16th day of April, 2012.

/S/ Richard Malm, Chairman

/S/ Lynn Luck, Vice-Chairman

/S/ Roy Dunnaway, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ Linda M. Buttron, County Clerk

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