

39-7,159. Comprehensive and coordinated system of long-term care services; cooperation by Kansas department for aging and disability services, Kansas department for children and families and department of health and environment. (a) In the state of Kansas, long-term care services, including home and community based services, shall be provided through a comprehensive and coordinated system throughout the state.

(b) The system shall:

- (1) Emphasize a delivery concept of self-direction, individual choice, home and community settings and privacy;
- (2) ensure transparency, accountability, safety and high quality services;
- (3) increase expedited eligibility determination;
- (4) provide timely services;
- (5) utilize informal services; and
- (6) ensure the moneys follow the person into the community.

(c) All persons receiving services pursuant to this section shall be offered the appropriate services which are determined to be in aggregate the most economical available with regard to state general fund expenditures. For those persons moving from a nursing facility to the home and community based services, the nursing facility reimbursement shall follow the person into the community.

(d) The Kansas department for aging and disability services, the Kansas department for children and families and the department of health and environment shall design and implement the system, in consultation with stakeholders and advocates related to long-term care services.

(e) The Kansas department for aging and disability services and the Kansas department for children and families, in consultation with the department of health and environment, shall submit an annual report on the long-term care system to the governor and the legislature annually, during the first week of the regular session.

History: L. 2008, ch. 168, § 1; L. 2012, ch. 102, § 14; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 125; July 1.