

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S

and

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N

Dear Senator Billinger and Representative Waymaster:

The items contained in this memo, Governor's Budget Amendment No. 2, amend the budget that I submitted to you in January. The items reflect current issues that have arisen or changes that can be made based on current information. Total adjustments to expenditures are shown below.

	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
State General Fund	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 8,000,000
All Other Funds	<u>3,455,474</u>	<u>12,020,020</u>
All Funds	\$ 5,255,474	\$ 20,020,020

Department for Aging and Disability Services

1. Brain Injury (BI) Waiver Services

This request is to add capacity to serve additional individuals on the Home and Community Based Services Brain Injury Waiver for FY 2021 and FY 2022. I recommend an increase to the FY 2021 budget of \$5.3 million from all funding sources, including \$1.8 million from the State General Fund. I also recommend an increase to the FY 2022 base budget of \$20.0 million from all funding sources, including \$8.0 from the SGF to accommodate the increasing caseload on the BI Waiver and to avoid creating a waitlist for services. In August of 2019, the Traumatic BI Waiver was amended and expanded to include services for individuals with acquired brain injuries and renamed the BI Waiver. In December of 2019, the Brain Injury waiver was further amended to expand services to the youth population.

Though eligibility for services on this waiver were greatly expanded per legislation, no additional funding had been appropriated to accommodate the increasing caseload. As of August 2020, the BI Waiver was serving 570 individuals with a growth trend of approximately 4.0 percent each month. Based on an increased provider network and implementation of Administrative Case Management for the BI population, the growth rate is expected to continue. Without an increase in funding for this waiver, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) will be required to submit a waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services placing a limit on the number of individuals that can be served by the program at any point in time in order to remain within the waiver's appropriation, creating a waiting list for the BI waiver services. I amend KDADS budget to provide additional funding for the Brain Injury waiver. The amounts requested are listed in the table below.

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