

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**75-5965. Definitions.** As used in K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 75-5964 through 75-5971, and amendments thereto:

- (a) "Crisis stabilization services" means short-term services of up to 72 hours with capacity for diagnosis, initial management, observation, crisis stabilization and follow-up referral services.
- (b) "Department" means the Kansas department for aging and disability services.
- (c) "Exchange telecommunications service" means the same as provided in K.S.A. 12-5363, and amendments thereto.
- (d) "Hotline" means the 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline or its successor maintained by the assistant secretary for mental health and substance use under 42 U.S.C. § 290bb-36c.
- (e) "Hotline center" means a 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline center, designated by the Kansas department for aging and disability services, participating in the national suicide prevention lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional 988 calls.
- (f) "Mobile crisis team" means a team of behavioral health professionals and peers that provide professional, community-based, crisis intervention services, including, but not limited to, de-escalation and stabilization for individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Such services are separate and distinct from 911 emergency responses of emergency medical services or law enforcement.
- (g) "NSPL" means the national suicide prevention lifeline, the national network of local, certified crisis centers that provide free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- (h) "Peer specialist" means an individual certified by the department to provide supportive services on the basis of such individual's personal, lived experience of mental illness or addiction and recovery.
- (i) "Provider" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 12-5363, and amendments thereto.
- (j) "Secretary" means the secretary for aging and disability services.
- (k) "Services" means behavioral health services.
- (l) "Service user" means any person who is provided exchange telecommunications service, wireless telecommunications service, VoIP service, prepaid wireless service or any other service capable of contacting a hotline center by dialing 988.
- (m) "VCL" means the veterans crisis line maintained by the United States secretary of veterans affairs under 38 U.S.C. § 1720F(h).
- (n) "VoIP service" means the same as provided in K.S.A. 12-5363, and amendments thereto.
- (o) "Wireless telecommunications service" means the same as provided in K.S.A. 12-5363, and amendments thereto.

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