

Testimony by Douglas Stallbaumer representing the Alliance for Kansans with Developmental Disabilities to the Health and Human Services Committee and Capper Foundation Easter Seals.

My name is Douglas Stallbaumer of Topeka Kansas representing the Alliance for Kansans with Developmental Disabilities and the Capper Foundation Easter Seals.

The Alliance is made up of organizations in communities throughout that provide care for hundreds of Kansans with intellectual developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Several members of the Alliance have submitted written testimony for today's hearing.

We speak in support of House Bill 2457 and I would like to make a few summary comments.

I have volunteered for the Capper Foundation Easter Seals for the past 10 years and know the work that they do with the I/DD population of Kansas.

I understand the complexities of their services and the importance of the service that they provide to their community

I have followed closely the proposals of KanCare to bring Managed care to Kansas and the necessity of the reduction of Medicaid spending in Kansas.

It is part of my occupation and my responsibility within my own company to understand and follow the submission and subsequent or eventual payment of claims for both FSS (Fee For Service) and MCO (Managed Care) Medicaid across the United States

I have billed the companies that are currently bidding on the MCO contract for the State of Kansas and am familiar with their payment as well as denial strategies.

Because I understand the slow payment and cumbersome issues with these types of payers I have voiced my concerns to Capper Foundation about the issues.