

TESTIMONY BY RICHARD SHANK, GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR KANSANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2029.

TO: SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THANK YOU CHAIRMAN WEBER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2029.

THE ALLIANCE IS MADE UP OF 15 PROGRAM SITES IN KANSAS CITIES AND TOWNS INCLUDING TOPEKA, SABETHA, WINFIELD, ARKANSAS CITY, EL DORADO, MCPHERSON, HUTCHINSON, AND GREAT BEND THAT SERVES SERVERAL HUNDRED DEVELOPMENTALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED (IDD) RESIDENTS.

WE STAND TODAY IN SUPPORT OFHOUSE BILL 2029.

QUITE FRANKLY, WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND EVEN ONE STUDY THAT STATES THERE WILL BE SAVINGS TO OUR TAXPAYERS BY INCLUDING THE IDD POPULATION INTO A MANAGED CARE SYSTEM.

AS YOU KNOW, THE MCOs MANAGE MEDICAL SERVICES WHILE THE IDD POPULATION REQUIRES UP TO 24/7 LONG TERM CARE THROUGH HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES INCLUDING SUPERVISION IN TEACHING SKILLS INCLUDING COOKING, CLEANING, ALONG WITH EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES.

THE IDD POPULATION IS NOT THE TYPICAL MEDICAID RECIPIENT WHO IS TREATED FOR THE COMMON COLD OR HAS, FOR EXAMPLE, A PENDICITUS.

THE IDD POPULATION IS MADE UP OF THE STATE'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS. KANCARE MAY PUT THEIR PROVIDERS IN A VULNERABLE POSITION AS WELL.

PLACING IDD INTO KANCARE WAS, IN OUR OPINION, DONE IN HASTE AND NEEDS FURTHER STUDY.

WE, WORKING TOGETHER, NEED TO GET IT RIGHT AND PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 2029 WILL BE A GOOD START.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR POINT OF VIEW AND CHAIRMAN WEBER, WE WILL STAND FOR QUESTIONS.

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