



Testimony – Public Health and Welfare Committee
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Neutral position – SB 332 – I/DD KanCare Carve Out

Good morning Chairwoman Schmidt and Members of the Committee,

The Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities (k4ad) represents all eleven of the Area Agencies on Aging. The AAAs cover all 105 counties, based on eleven Planning and Service Areas (PSAs). The AAAs are charged by the federal Older Americans Act to “serve as the public advocate for the development or enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems or services in each community throughout the planning and service area.”

In response to SB 332, the k4ad takes a neutral position. Seniors are not mentioned in this Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) KanCare carve out bill and we are satisfied with being excluded.

Instead, we welcome an opportunity to:

1. Restore case management at the local level for all HCBS waiver populations, including seniors (FE), individuals with physical disabilities (PD) and individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI).
2. Work collaboratively with HCBS community-based organizations to maintain and enhance the integration of health care, including long-term services and supports, physical health and behavioral health for the HCBS populations.

Let's be visionary. Let's determine if an all-inclusive model could be utilized to improve the integration of health for the HCBS populations in a **Kansas-specific way that is right for Kansans.**

Data tell us that the HCBS populations comprise approximately 8% of the KanCare total population, but approximately 33% of the KanCare expenditures.

Let's work together to find a comprehensive, collaborative, visionary way to restore and enhance the integration of health care for seniors, and other populations, on the HCBS waivers.

Thank you for this opportunity and I will be happy to stand for questions.