

39-7,107. Transitional service component of KanWork. (a) Within the limits of appropriations therefor and to the extent allowed under any applicable federal law or rule and regulation adopted pursuant thereto, the secretary shall provide the transitional service component of the KanWork program to facilitate public assistance recipient movement toward self-sufficiency and employment retention.

(b) Transitional services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Child care. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b)(1), extended child care services shall be provided for a maximum of six months after a participant becomes employed and is no longer eligible for child care services under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 39-7,106, and amendments thereto, if such services are needed to assist in employment retention. The secretary may adopt rules and regulations to extend child care services beyond such six-month period if such extension is consistent with the purposes of the KanWork program. The participant receiving such services shall contribute to the payment for such services through a sliding fee scale based upon ability to pay established by rules and regulations of the secretary.

(2) Medical care. Extended medical care services shall be provided for not to exceed 24 months after a participant becomes employed and is no longer eligible for cash assistance unless the participant is otherwise covered by health benefits. The participant covered for such services shall contribute to the payment of the cost for such coverage as established annually by the secretary by rules and regulations. The secretary shall seek a waiver from the federal department of health and human services to allow federal matching funds for extended medical care service coverage beyond that currently allowed by federal law.

(3) Transportation assistance. Transportation expenses in the monthly amount established by the secretary under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 39-7,106, and amendments thereto, may be continued for six months after a participant becomes employed and is no longer eligible for transportation expenses under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 39-7,106, and amendments thereto, if such transportation expenses are needed to assist in employment retention. The amount of such transportation expenses under this subsection (b)(3) may be reduced in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary.

(4) Special needs allowances. The secretary may provide participants special one-time allowances for clothing or uniform requirements, car repairs, special tools, books or other special need costs which are barriers to employment and which are not otherwise covered at the time when the participant becomes employed.

(c) Nothing in the KanWork act shall be construed to preclude a participant transitioning from the KanWork program toward self-sufficiency and employment retention from utilizing existing state or federal assistance programs.

History: L. 1988, ch. 141, § 7; L. 1994, ch. 265, § 12; July 1.