

JOHNSON COUNTY
KANSAS
Developmental Supports

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TO: Chairperson Renee Erickson,
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Efficiency

RE: HB 2240 – Support

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in support of House Bill 2240. This bill ensures that any significant changes to Medicaid funding, services, and program eligibility are made with openness, clear responsibility, adequate support, and input from those most affected. By requiring legislative involvement, HB 2240 promotes a careful and thoughtful approach to Medicaid policy. This approach will help keep Kansas programs steady, provide lasting help, and deliver quality supports for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Recent proposals for significant system changes have felt rushed and not reflective of our unique state structure. The fast pace and wide-reaching impact of these proposals have created uncertainty for people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who deliver services. Clear and careful communication, engagement, and planning is needed to prevent gaps in services and unexpected challenges. HB 2240 would involve lawmakers so that changes can be reviewed, appropriate resources can be allocated, statutory and regulatory requirements can be assessed, and ensure proposals are created for the best interest of Kansans.

This bill calls for a collaborative approach. It asks KDHE and KDADS to work closely with everyone involved—including people with IDD, their families, service providers, advocacy groups, and the legislature—before making any changes. When all parties work together, we can create policies that meet real needs, support independence, and help people live how they choose.

Maintaining stability and consistency is especially important for case management services. Case managers are trusted advocates who help people with IDD access the supports they need. Unclear changes can disrupt these services and break the chain of communication making it harder for people to get the help they need and placing extra burdens on those who provide care.

Federal policies continue to change, creating greater uncertainty for how our state programs will be impacted. HB 2240 provides a necessary safeguard by ensuring that any Medicaid modifications go through a thorough and inclusive process.

HB 2240 is an important step toward a Medicaid system that strengthens, rather than disrupts, the vital supports for Kansans with disabilities. By ensuring careful review and a collaborative decision-making process, this bill will help KDADS and other state agencies succeed in delivering high-quality services.

Sincerely,



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