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**Date:** Fri, 20 Jan 2012 10:11:15 -0600  
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**Subject:** FMS Provider Crisis

Dear Sen. Schmidt,

My name is Rosie Cooper and I am writing in response to your comments at the legislative forum on Tuesday regarding the administrative rate set by SRS for entities serving as Financial Management Services (FMS) providers for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Please understand FMS is separate from managed care. Managed Care is slated to start January 2013 but FMS is bankrupting. Centers for Independent Living: right NOW!

FMS History:

- Centers for Independent Living (CIL) and SRS Administration agreed on \$140.
- Without discussion, current SRS administration set rate at \$115.
- CIL testimony to HCBS Oversight Committee lead to agreement rate should be changed back to \$140
- SRS & KDOA refused
- CILS became FMS providers in hopes of increased rate
- SRS announced Kansas AuthentiCare/EVV Electronic Visit Verification- meaning electronic time sheets for FMS providers to process
- FMS implementation was Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011
- Kansas AuthentiCare partially implemented Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> of 2012
- FMS providers required to be the Customer Service entity for Direct Support Workers and Consumers who have trouble logging in and out (which currently is daily).
- FMS providers who are already losing money are now required to do more

Without a change in the administrative rate, agencies will be forced to downsize staff and programs designed to keep individuals independent in their communities will be cut or eliminated. Consumers will have less choice, and; especially in rural areas, may have no choice in providers as CILs and other agencies are unable to provide FMS to them.

I urge you to take a longer look at the FMS implementation and the rate paid to providers. Consider holding hearings and apply pressure to SRS. Waiting for budget talks will be too late, most FMS providers will be out of business or close to it by April. We need your support and help NOW!

If you have any questions please contact me.