



Community Plan

Nan Thayer Kartsonis
Plan President
Kansas Health Plan
10895 Grandview, Suite 200
Overland Park, KS 66210

**House Health and Human Services
Testimony in Support of HB2025- KanCare Oversight
February 13, 2013**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB2025, which would provide for additional oversight of the KanCare program by the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas is honored to serve as one of the three KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCO). In addition to our new partnership with Kansas, we currently partner with 24 states and Washington, D.C. to provide Medicaid services to over 3 million Americans, 2 million of which are children. UnitedHealthcare commends the legislature for its continued efforts to ensure the successful implementation of KanCare.

The goals of the KanCare program are to improve overall health outcomes while slowing the rate of cost growth over time. This will be accomplished by providing the right care, in the right amount, in the right setting, at the right time. As an MCO, our focus is on ensuring consumers receive the preventive services and screenings they need, helping consumers manage their chronic conditions, and reducing unnecessary and duplicative services. UnitedHealthcare believes that the additional oversight of KanCare provided in this bill is important and will help to ensure the goals of the program are being met.

At UnitedHealthcare, we appreciate the responsibility the State has entrusted to us, and we are committed to providing quality, coordinated services to all residents of Kansas eligible for KanCare. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide support of HB 2025, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Kansas Legislature as it provides oversight of the KanCare program.