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Madam Chairwoman and Committee members-

We are the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living, a trade association with a membership of nursing homes, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health. We are the oldest and largest nursing home trade association in Kansas. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day.

Originally, KanCare was touted as 1. Capitated risk-based managed care that would 2. Break down silos of care 3. Improve quality outcomes and bend cost curve down 4. Provide integrated coordinated care 5. Increase emphasis on health, wellness, prevention, early detection and early intervention. After working on the KanCare for all this time...we really are struggling to see what benefit this has been for the long term care services of Kansans. Value added services. There is absolutely nothing for the residents that our nursing home providers work with...our members who provide waiver services say their clients seem quite happy with the value added benefits from the MCOs.

The Clearinghouse and the processes involved are just another example of administrative over reach. We do not have more coordinated services, just more administrative burdens.

If we had known what managed care in Kansas would look like five years after its inception, we would have put more energy into slowing senior's entry into KanCare program.

Let's make a plan for the future. Let's make sure we come closer to getting it right this time. We support the slowing down of the KanCare and improve processes in the meantime.

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