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KMAP GENERAL BULLETIN 21098

Pilot Program - STEPS - Supports and Training for Employing People Successfully

Effective July 1, 2021, the State of Kansas will operate a voluntary pilot program, Supports and Training for Employing People Successfully (STEPS), for eligible KanCare members. This pilot program will help members obtain and maintain employment through supportive services and will operate during the KanCare waiver period, with a possibility of renewal if shown to be effective.

The following KanCare members who are ages 16-65 are eligible for this pilot program.

1. Members who have any of the following behavioral health primary diagnoses and who receive services through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are eligible:
 - Schizophrenia
 - Bipolar and major depression
 - Delusional disorders
 - Personality disorders
 - Psychosis not otherwise specified
 - Obsessive-compulsive disorder
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder; or
 - Substance use disorder (SUD) or co-occurring SUD
2. Any SSI members currently enrolled in Medicaid and waitlisted for Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) on the Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD), Physical Disability (PD), or any potential Brain Injury (BI) Waiver waitlists; or members who have an I/DD, PD, or BI Waiver, who are willing to leave their HCBS waiver.

Disability and Financial Eligibility and Cost Sharing:

Members may be eligible for STEPS depending on criteria specified below, including financial eligibility. Persons must also meet general and non-financial eligibility criteria and may be required to pay cost sharing.

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Individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis and who have been determined disabled according to the Social Security Administration criteria (e.g. SSDI or Railroad Retirement disability recipients) are eligible. For a prospective participant to be financially eligible:

- Can have an income up to 300% of current Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Can have resources up to \$15,000 for an individual or for a couple.
- Individuals with income up to 100% of FPL will not have a cost-share. Participants with income that exceeds 100% of FPL who receive medical assistance under expenditure authority #3 will be subject to cost-share that is the same as the Kansas “Working Healthy” program, which can be accessed [here](#).

Individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis and who are SSI eligible, will have no cost share.

Individuals waitlisted for the I/DD, PD, or BI waivers, who are SSI eligible will have no cost share.

Individuals on the I/DD, PD, or BI waivers who choose to leave the waiver and are SSI eligible, will have no cost share.

Program enrollment will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be capped at 500 individuals.

Note: The effective date of the policy is July 1, 2021.

The implementation of State policy by the KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The **KanCare Open Claims Resolution Log** on the KMAP [Bulletins](#) page documents the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates, once the policy is implemented.

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