**Legislative Spring Break Talking Points – InterHab Members**

Legislators plan to head home for Spring Break on Friday, Apr. 6, and will return to the Statehouse Thursday, Apr. 26. Spring Break is a great opportunity to contact your legislators and share our message in person, by phone, and through email.

**KanCare Talking Points:**

* We urge you to require the state to withdraw its KanCare 2.0 application from CMS and request an extension of KanCare 1.0 in its current form
  + Despite administration claims, the application for KanCare 2.0 has **NOT** been withdrawn from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
* The KanCare 2.0 RFP process continues as the state reviews bids from six potential Managed Care Organizations
* The Legislative Division of Post Audit has yet to release the finding of the legislature post audit on KanCare and other components of the Kansas Medicaid system, which was requested by the Bethell Joint Committee on HCBS and KanCare Oversight in November 2016. This report is expected to be released in April 2018

**KanCare Solutions:**

* A requirement that the State pulls its KanCare 2.0 application from consideration by CMS – thereby truly stopping KanCare 2.0
* A requirement that the state request an extension of KanCare 1.0 so it conforms to legislative concerns to first fix the problems with KanCare 1.0
* Legislation that requires legislative approval for any further changes to the Kansas Medicaid system

**Additional Talking Points:**

* Reimbursement rates for providers need to catch up and stay on pace with the cost of living
  + We appreciate the HCBS rate increases approved during the 2017 legislative session, but our system remains significantly underfunded, and the lack of provider capacity remains an issue
* We support the current bill, HB 2427, and its action to remedy the background check process
  + Recruiting and retaining a qualified workforce is a huge issue for the I/DD system, and requires the background check system be fixed
  + It currently takes weeks to months to complete a background check
  + If the proposed bill does not remedy the process, we intend to come back to ensure a solution is delivered

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