



FACT SHEET:

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A 6.5% funding increase is needed across IDD services to help offset rising costs to IDD service providers due to inflation since the system's last general funding increase in 2022. Funding increases are needed for waiver-based services, TCM, Personal Care Services, and CDDO administration.

Kansas IDD service providers seek to address ongoing capacity challenges caused by underfunding. While recent funding increases curbed losses of vital direct care workers, inflation eroded gains made after the Pandemic.



A strategic approach is essential to continue to reduce the IDD waiting list. Funds were allocated by the Legislature in 2024 to bring 500 people into service. It is crucial that we learn from the efforts and challenges in bringing those individuals off the waiting list before attempting further reduction of the waiting list. Valuable lessons learned can assist the state in more effectively and efficiently reducing the waiting list in 2025 and beyond.

Providers are once again struggling. To support service providers, funding must be adjusted to reflect rising costs, and regular adjustments based on inflation will ensure sustainability in the future.



Legislative intervention is needed to prevent harmful system impacts due to KDADS' proposed system change initiatives, such as those proposed to address federal conflict of interest concerns, implement a new assessment tool, overwrite the IDD system's funding structure, and restrict access to meaningful work activities for thousands of Kansans with IDD.

Additionally, as progress is made in addressing the IDD waiting list, we must ensure that funds accompany new individuals into service for the purpose of building the capacity needed to serve them.



In addition to other priorities, resources are needed for behavioral crisis stabilization and respite, continued transition funding for 14c, support for full schedule Supported Employment billing, and exemption from sales tax related to residential service-related costs.

InterHab urges lawmakers to prioritize policies that reflect the complexities of the IDD community and ensure system changes are implemented correctly.

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