



POLICY OVERVIEW:

Sustainable Funding to Grow Capacity and Reduce the Waiting List

LEGISLATIVE ASK:

- Increase provider reimbursement rates across the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Waiver; and Targeted Case Management to support system-wide growth, reduce the waiting list, and ensure sustainable service capacity.
- Build capacity across all service areas by setting rates that reflect true costs and are tied to the addition of new service slots, addressing complex needs, transportation, and workforce stability to guarantee equitable access and quality.
- Implement annual inflationary (COLA) adjustments within a consistent rate structure to stabilize, modernize, and sustain the IDD system in Kansas.

OVERVIEW OF THE NEEDS:

Kansas cannot reduce the IDD waiting list or expand access to services without building and sustaining provider capacity. Current reimbursement rates do not reflect the true cost of staffing, transportation, complex support needs, or ongoing service delivery. Without reliable funding, providers struggle to recruit and retain a stable workforce and expand services to meet demand.

GOALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASK:

- Increase reimbursement rates across the IDD Waiver and Targeted Case Management to support system-wide capacity and waiting list reduction.
- Tie rate increases to the addition of new service slots to address complex needs, transportation challenges, and workforce stabilization.
- Implement annual inflationary adjustments (COLA) to ensure the system remains stable, modern, and financially sustainable.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

When rates reflect real service costs, providers can hire and retain skilled staff, open new residential and day service options, and support individuals with varying and complex needs. Sustaining provider capacity is essential to reducing the waiting list, strengthening community inclusion, and ensuring Kansans with IDD can access the services they need when they need them.