

LIFE PATTERNS INC.

Client Obligation Bill Update

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(SB 10/Senate Bill 10) - Both the Kansas House and Senate have agreed to budget an amount toward Kansas on the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) waivers to keep \$1177 per month which is up from \$747!! There is one last step to go, so please let Governor Laura Kelly know how important this is to Kansans!

Whether you, or someone you might know, has a client obligation and pays a service provider a monthly fee for their services, we ENCOURAGE you to speak up and let Governor Kelly know the importance of this increase!

The contact is still the same for Governor Laura Kelly. You may email her at constituentservices.representative@ks.gov and/or call her office at 785-368-8500.

Summer Reminders!

Changes in Hours

Some individuals get an increase in hours for the summer months, so we encourage you to check your ISP. You should have a copy of this from your Managed Care Organization/Case Coordinator, but if you don't have a copy on hand or if you need help understanding the hours, please call your Life Patterns office! We are happy to help!

Returning Workers

If you have a worker that's returning after 3 months or longer, you must notify us before they can work. To keep our systems clean, we periodically review employees' files to see if they are current. Any employee that hasn't worked for 3 months or longer is deactivated. It is also important to make sure their background checks are up-to-date before they start working again, as we are required to rerun them every 2 years. With that, you may have to wait for their background checks to clear again before they are eligible to work again.

New Workers

If you are wanting to hire a new worker before Summer starts, you may find hire packets on our website, www.lifepatternsks.org OR you may call our office to request one. Once **all** of the correct paperwork is returned to Life Patterns we will submit the worker's background checks. Upon clearing all of the background checks, we will call the Employer or Designated Rep to notify them that their worker is eligible to start working and give them the worker's AuthentiCare ID number.

Fraud and Abuse

Medicaid Fraud

Medicaid Fraud is a crime and if it is suspected, it must be reported to the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General's office will complete an investigation and if Medicaid fraud is proven, Medicaid eligibility will be lost. Other consequences can include arrest and prosecution, fines and jail time, civil damages and monetary penalties, exclusion from working in any facility receiving federal health care funds, and loss of certification (LPN, RN, MD).

Examples of FRAUD include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting or claiming hours that weren't worked.
- Submitting or calling in time using someone else's AuthentiCare ID number.
- Knowingly submitting false information, such as employment documents.
- Double-billing, or billing both Medicaid and another provider.
- Being clocked in while the Participant is in school, in the hospital, nursing facility, or an ICF-IID.

Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Any vulnerable adult or child is protected from any type of abuse, neglect, or exploitation by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF). Staff who work for anyone considered vulnerable who are suspected of abuse, neglect, or exploitation can be investigated by DCF.

Examples of ABUSE include, but are not limited to:

- Unexplained injuries, burns or bruises
- STDs
- Unexplained difficulty sitting or walking
- Fear of being alone with caretakers
- Malnutrition
- Lack of personal cleanliness

Medicaid Fraud and Abuse should be reported to:

- ◇ Jon Gerdel, Executive Director, Life Patterns, Inc.
785-273-7189
- ◇ The Attorney General's Office
866-551-6328
- ◇ Kansas Department for Children and Families
800-922-5330

Good Friday

Life Patterns will be closed on **Friday, April 19th** for **Good Friday**.

Easter Wishes

Here's to hoping this Easter holiday brings your family **health**, **happiness**, and lots of **love**.

