

LIFE PATTERNS INC.

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Back to School!!!

It's hard to believe summer is already coming to an end! We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break, and that everyone has a wonderful 2019-20 school year!!

A few things to keep in mind as school starts...

The member's hours may be decreasing since school is starting. Please review the ISP/Plan of Care. If you have any questions about the ISP or how many hours are authorized, please call your Life Patterns office.

Workers cannot be clocked in while the participant is in school. "Personal Care Services (PCS) cannot be provided in a school setting and cannot be used for education, as a substitute for educationally related services, or for transition services as outline in the participant's ISP."

Life Patterns, Inc. would like your input!

What would you like to see us do?

- 1) Would you like to see us put on another conference?
 - a. If so, what topics would you be interested in?
 - b. Would you be willing to travel to Wichita for a conference, or how far would you be willing to travel?
 - c. Is there particular time of the year that would work best for you for a conference?
 - d. Would you like an all day or a two-day conference?
- 2) Would you like us to do a meet & greet in your area?
- 3) Do you have any other ideas of what you'd like to see us do?

Please call our office, email us, or write down the answers to these questions and send them to our office! We are excited to hear back from you!

Be prepared for your child's transition into adulthood!

It is never too early to begin thinking of your child's future. There are many things to think about and many decisions you and your child will have to make. It is suggested you begin the transition process at age 14 to have a smooth transition to adulthood at 18.

Some things to think about:

- Guardianship: Upon turning 18, a person automatically receives all the rights from their previous guardians (e.g. parents) to all decisions pertaining to their well-being. If you feel that your child's disability will hinder their ability to make these decisions, the court will appoint someone as your child's guardian.

- Social Security: Benefits should be applied for before your child's birthday and then be re-evaluated after your child's 18th birthday. It is also important that the office be contacted well in advance of their 18th birthday to understand the eligibility and application process.

-Some other things to consider are furthering education, vocational rehabilitation, independent living, etc.

There are various resources to assist your family to navigate through this exciting and important transition in life. Feel free to reach out to your child's case manager or call our office and we will be happy to help you find the right resource.

Rate Increase

Waiver	NEW Rates
IDD	\$ 10.40
IDD PARENT	\$ 11.25
PD	\$ 11.15
PD PARENT	\$ 12.05
TBI	\$ 11.70
TBI PARENT	\$ 12.70
TA	\$ 13.05
FE	\$ 10.70
OVERNIGHT RESPITE	\$ 77.30
ENHANCED CARE SERVICES (ECS)	\$ 77.30
VALUE ADDED - NO CHANGE	\$ 9.50
CDDO	\$ 10.40

As stated in last month's newsletter, the State of Kansas granted a rate increase for HCBS waiver services, effective July 1, 2019. The new maximum pay rates are as follows (*on the table to the left*).

As the employer, what do you need to do?

- ◆ If you would like to increase your employees you **MUST** complete a new Employment Agreement & Payroll Provider Agreement. These can be found on our website, www.lifepatternsks.org, in the **Support Worker** tab. If you DO NOT want to make a change at this time, then you do not need to send in new forms.

You can return your forms:

- ◆ **By mail:**
Topeka: 3300 SW 29th ST, STE 100, Topeka, KS 66614
Montezuma: PO BOX 418 Montezuma, KS 67867
- ◆ **By email:**
Topeka: kristen@lifepatternsks.org
Montezuma: sara@lifepatternsks.org
- ◆ **By fax:**
Topeka office: 785.273.3816
Montezuma office: 620.846.2340

If you have questions, call your Life Patterns office!

Eligibility with KanCare

After a continual issue with folks being ineligible for KanCare; we wanted to take an opportunity to shed some light on how to best avoid having these problems and how to remedy them quickly. After applying for KanCare initially, members will be required to reapply annually thereafter. The KanCare Clearinghouse will send out the paperwork to the member the month prior before eligibility is lost. We have been hearing from folks that they are receiving the paperwork around the 15th and that it is due by the 30th of the same month. This gives members and their families less than 15 days to complete the paperwork and return it to the Clearinghouse. If the paperwork is not received within this time, the member will lose eligibility for services starting the 1st of the next month.

When eligibility is lost, members need to go ahead and send their paperwork back ASAP! The Clearinghouse will still process the paperwork and will potentially back date eligibility, depending on the issue. If the Clearinghouse is requesting additional information, that will need to be submitted to them within the time frame given. When eligibility is lost, workers may continue to clock in and out using AuthentiCare; however, until eligibility is regained, they will NOT be paid. Once the eligibility is gained and back dated, we will then process the workers hours on the upcoming 1st or 15th pay date.

The Clearinghouse will not share information with us on the status of the member's eligibility. For information you will need to call the KanCare Clearinghouse for updates and status of eligibility.

Clearinghouse: 1-800-792-4884

CLIENT OBLIGATION UPDATE

Great News! The State of Kansas has indicated that the protected income level increase will become effective September 1st. The new income level is \$1,177. If you currently have a client obligation that is \$430 or less you do not need to make a payment for September services. We will work with the MCO's to identify the new obligation amounts to be reflected on September statements. If you have set up to have your obligation automatically drafted the September drafts will not be taken until the new amounts have been confirmed. **Please note, any unpaid balances for services prior to September 1st are still due and should be paid to continue services.**

Our offices will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** for Labor Day.