



# LIFE PATTERNS INC.

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### **School Hours 2024—2025**

Summer is already coming to an end. We hope that everyone has a great 2024 – 2025 school year.

Please take note that Personal Care Services (PCS) hours may decrease if the individual attends school.

Workers cannot clock in while the individual is in school for education or for any educationally related services.

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# Life Patterns Inc.

## *Life Patterns Lowdown*

### **Hiré Taylor Hires on to Topeka Office -**

#### **Employment Coordinator**

The Life Patterns Topeka office welcomes Hiré Taylor as our new Employment Coordinator! (*Don't worry, Kristen is still here, in a new position!*) Hiré was born and raised in Topeka and has a lifetime of serving her fellow citizens through love and kindness. She has experience in teaching as a para and is looking forward to working with our families and assisting them in the sometimes-daunting paperwork process. Her enthusiasm and diligence makes her an excellent and valued member of our team. Welcome, Hiré!

### **Aetna is out and Healthy Blue is in**

The State of Kansas did not recontract with Aetna Better Health for HCBS services; instead, they contracted with a new company called Healthy Blue. Letters from KanCare will go out to all the members that are with Aetna soon; those receiving services through Aetna will automatically be enrolled with Healthy Blue unless they choose another MCO. Those who are with Sunflower or United can choose Healthy Blue during open enrollment if they desire to do so, starting October 2024. There will be more public meetings scheduled in November to learn about the transition process. We will keep you posted with more information as we receive it.

# AuthentiCare Saga Continues

- AuthentiCare Policy**

To be in compliance with CMS requirements, the State of Kansas is making changes to using the AuthentiCare clock-in/out system. There are now two options for clocking-in / out. If the person receiving services still has a landline, it can be used to call into the AuthentiCare IVR system. If there is not a landline, the employee must use the AuthentiCare 2.0 Mobile App. This change needs to be completed within the next two months. To get set up with the Mobile App, download the App and fill out the request on our website at [www.lifepatternsks.org](http://www.lifepatternsks.org).

Tasks—IDD, PD, TBI, & FE.	Activity Code
Bathing	11
Dressing	12
Oral Hygiene	13
Hair Care	14
Skin Care	15
Nail Care	16
Shaving	17
Prosthetic/Orthotic Assistance	18
Toileting	19
Transfer	20
Walking/Mobility	21
Wheelchair Maneuvering	22
Eating	23
Meal Planning, Prep, Clean Up	24
Shopping & Errands	25
Medications/Treatments	26
Transportation	27
Use of Telephone	28
Laundry	29
Housekeeping	30
Minor Sewing/Mending	31
Exercises/ Range of Motion Activities	32
Other Health Maintenance Activities	33
Assistance in the Community	34
Non-Physical Support / Supervision	35
Money Management	38
Teaching Opportunities	39
Leisure/Recreational Activities	40

If you continue to have issues with AuthentiCare, please contact the help line: 1-800-441-4667.

- Place of Service**

AuthentiCare recently made another update to the system. When the worker is clocking out, it will ask for a “Place of Service” code. There are only two codes that pertain to self-direction, shown below. Enter ONE of those that pertain to where the worker provided the services for the majority of the time worked.

Place of Service	Code
Home	12
Other Place of Service	99

- FE Activity Codes**

The FE Activity Codes have changed to the same as the IDD codes. Here is the list of all the Activity codes for IDD, PD, TBI, & now FE waivers to the left.

Service	Service Code
IDD PCS (Personal Care Service) Day hours	101
IDD ONR Overnight Respite	116
IDD ECS (Enhanced Care Service) Night Unit	115
PD PCS (Personal Care Service) Day hours	100
PD ECS (Enhanced Care Service) Night Unit	104
TBI PCS (Personal Care Service) Day hours	121
TBI ECS (Enhanced Care Service) Night Unit	119
FE PCS (Personal Care Service) Day hours	102
FE Comprehensive Support	114
FE ECS (Enhanced Care Service) Night Unit	112
TA PCS (Personal Care Service) Day hours	106
Autism Respite	191

## Kansas Purple Alert Protocol

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill for a Purple Alert. It is for individuals with intellectual disabilities who are missing. It coordinates efforts of law enforcement, media outlets, and other resources to inform the public about the missing person.

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## Eligibility with KanCare

As a reminder, families on KanCare know that they must reapply annually with KDHE. There seems to be many eligibility issues as of late. It is very important that families and individuals get their paperwork filled out and returned to the clearinghouse on time. If the member is determined to be ineligible, it can lead to a gap in service.

The KanCare Clearinghouse will not share information with us on the status of a member's eligibility. For an eligibility status or information, you will need to call them directly:

KanCare Clearinghouse: 1-800-792-4884



## Rate Increases Starting July 1st

In case you did not catch this in our last newsletter, there was recently a pay increase for almost all waivers. Please complete an Employment Agreement form for each worker to get them to the top rate. Remember, excess funds will not be distributed at the end of the year to families who are not paying employees at the top rate.

WAIVER	OLD	NEW
IDD PCS	\$ 14.65	\$ 15.40
IDD PCS PARENT	\$ 15.80	\$ 16.65
IDD ONR/ECS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
PD PCS	\$ 12.85	\$ 14.50
PD PCS PARENT	\$ 13.85	\$ 15.65
PD ECS	\$ 82.00	\$ 91.00
TBI	\$ 12.85	\$ 14.50
TBI PARENT	\$ 13.85	\$ 15.65
TBI ECS	\$ 82.00	\$ 91.00
TA	\$ 13.05	\$ 14.60
TA PARENT	\$ 14.05	\$ 15.75
FE	\$ 14.15	\$ 14.40
FE ECS	\$ 90.00	\$ 95.00
AUTISM	\$ 10.35	\$ 10.35

## OFFICE CLOSED

Monday,

**September 2nd, 2024**

In observance of  
Labor Day.