

SENATE BILL No. 502

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 AN ACT concerning individuals needing long-term care; establishing a
10 coordinated system for long-term care services.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) The department of social and rehabilitation services,
14 the department on aging, the department of administration and the Kan-
15 sas health policy authority shall provide a comprehensive integrated long-
16 term care system that is responsive to the varied long-term care needs of
17 Kansans of any age or economic status.

18 (b) The intent is to ensure that all persons needing long-term care
19 services are made aware, at the earliest possible time, of all living arrange-
20 ment options.

21 (c) The long-term care services shall stress individual choice, auton-
22 omy, self-determination and privacy.

23 (d) The range of services will be home and community based services
24 to institutional settings and will make maximum use of informal caregiver
25 contacts.

26 (e) All programs and services shall be integrated to ensure coordi-
27 nated policy making and efficient service delivery.

28 (f) Expedited eligibility services shall be made available to all persons
29 eligible for the system of services.

30 (g) Services to elderly and disabled persons shall be in the least costly
31 and confining appropriate to the needs of the person.

32 (h) All long-term care consumers shall have access to services through
33 a coordinated point of entry, as well as to current descriptive, comparative
34 and cost-related information about the various care options.

35 (i) The relative agencies shall document the quality and performance
36 of all providers.

37 (j) The tracking and service delivery of persons involved in the system
38 shall be an integral part of the system.

39 (k) State general fund appropriations for home and community based
40 services are interchangeable between the agencies to which such money
41 is appropriated for the purpose of providing home and community based
42 services.

43 (l) The coordinated system shall include accountability and service

1 flexibility.

2 (m) The relevant state agencies shall meet with stakeholders and per-
3 sons representing persons receiving assistance under this section to en-
4 sure the appropriate implementation of care and services.

5 (n) The relevant state agencies and stakeholders shall be responsible
6 for educating the public as to the serviceability of the integrated system.

7 (o) An action plan with production benchmarks and feedback mech-
8 anisms shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature prior to
9 January 10 of each year.

10 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.