

Health Homes Program Discontinued

The Health Home program for people with serious mental illness (SMI) will be discontinued, effective July 1, 2016.

KDHE recognizes and greatly appreciates the efforts and investments of Health Home Partners (HHPs), KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and other partners who have worked hard to make this program a success. The SMI Health Homes program will continue through June 30, 2016. **Contracted HHPs should continue providing HH services to their members through June 30, 2016. HHPs will continue to be paid for services provided to HH members through June 30, 2016.**

As the program is shutting down, KDHE will work with MCOs and HHPs to transition members who may be eligible for care management and care coordination programs operated by the MCOs. Many of these members will also be eligible for targeted case management once the HH program ends.

Effective March 1, 2016, no new members will be assigned to the HH program in order to allow HHPs and MCOs to concentrate on serving members already assigned through the end of the program. KDHE will amend the Medicaid State Plan for the program to end June 30, 2016.

HHPs should be frank with HH members about the end of the program, but also assure them that all the physical and behavioral health care services will continue under KanCare. In addition, any HH member currently receiving home and community-based services (HCBS) through one of the seven HCBS waivers will continue to receive those services.

The HH e-mail box (healthhomes@kdheks.gov) will continue to be available through June 30, 2016, along with the Health Homes website: http://www.kancare.ks.gov/health_home.htm. There will also continue to be HH Learning Collaborative activities, including the in-person meeting in Salina, March 16. KDHE will continue publishing the monthly *Health Homes Herald* as a means of sharing information with HHPs.

A conference call will be held February 4, at 10:00 AM, to discuss the program discontinuance with interested stakeholders. The conference number is 1-866-620-7326. Please use conference code 691 584 5857. There is a limit of 150 lines. Stakeholders who are in the same location should share a single line to maximize the number of listeners who can join the call. The monthly SMI HH calls will change to the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 10:00, beginning February 4 to help HHPs deal with issues and questions related to the program shutdown.