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Greetings Kansas Home Health Agencies! KANSAS HHA CHANGES
The Kansas Statutes from SB 154 were signed into law and become effective 07/01/17. There are currently marked for the codification process but a copy can be located **here**.

Effective 07/01/17:

We will have two levels of classifications of HHA Licensure in Kansas.

- Class A—which is comprised of Skilled Care as well as Supportive Care Services and Attendant Care Services (A+B+C).
- Class B/C--- which is comprised of only Supportive Care Services and Attendant Care Services (HCBS Level I) (B+C).

If any skilled services are required including skilled nursing, home health aide, et al or Certification from Medicare is being sought--- the HHA must apply for a Class A Licensure.

Any HHA currently licensed within the State of Kansas **is a Class A** and will be grandfathered into these changes. The forms will be available online at the KDHE website effective 07/01/17.

Home Health and OASIS

Not all Home Health Agencies (HHAs) use or need OASIS. HHAs wanting to become Medicare approved must seek guidance and application information from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The first step is to apply and obtain Kansas HHA Licensure.

- **Any HHA seeking Medicare certification is required to meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) prior to certification.** This includes compliance with the OASIS collection and transmission requirements.
- New HHAs must demonstrate that they can transmit OASIS data prior to the initial certification survey. Specifically, new HHAs must apply for a user identification number and password to electronically transmit to the

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OASIS State System any encoded Start of Care (SOC) or Resumption of Care (ROC) OASIS assessment record(s) for applicable Medicare and Medicaid patients in a test mode.

- New HHAs should communicate with the OASIS Automation Coordinator (OAC) in their state to comply with this aspect of the Medicare requirements prior to the initial onsite survey.

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/OASIS/Downloads/seekingmedicarecert.pdf>

HOME HEALTH AGENCY RESOURCES

There are several places to go for resources—depending upon what topic and information is needed.

Home Health Agency (HHA) Center

<https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Home-Health-Agency-HHA-Center.html>

- Has Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) information regarding upcoming changes.
- Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Provider calls and other learning opportunities.

OASIS Training in Kansas 2017

- Provider training is planned for this fall in three locations.
- Survey Monkey will be sent out to determine preferred locations and any outstanding topics or issues.
- CNEs for nursing will be offered for the training.

Associations and Networking

- Some associations have been listed on the KDHE website as a courtesy to promote networking and collaboration within the Kansas HHA provider community.
- Please share any information for free education and training to others.

HHA Quote

“The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.”

— Voltaire <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/health-care>

KDHE Home Health Website Updates:

Check out the updated Home Health Agency area and resources on the KDHE Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/bhfr/state_ach_licensure_forms.html

HOME HEALTH AGENCIES



QUESTION CORNER

Question: I would like to apply for my Home Health Agency (HHA) to be certified. What do I need to do?

Answer: Apply to be a Class A Kansas Licensed Home Health Agency first. Then reach out to Tamara.Wilkerson@ks.gov who is the KDHE Medicare Certification Coordinator. She will send a packet of information to be completed and returned to her.