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### KHPA 2007 Highlights

#### Strengthening Medicaid/HealthWave

- **Implemented HealthWave Contracts:** KHPA awarded two new Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to serve our HealthWave populations which resulted in increased consumer health plan choice, with an estimated State savings of between \$10 and 15 million dollars annually.
- **Resolved Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Audits and Deferrals:** KHPA resolved all outstanding Medicaid audit and deferral issues in the Local Educational Agencies (LEA), Targeted Case Management (TCM), and Child Welfare and Mental Health programs; KHPA is working closely with partner agencies to ensure Medicaid program integrity moving forward.
- **Managed New Citizenship Requirements:** KHPA managed and resolved the impact of new federal Medicaid Citizenship/Identification requirements, requesting and acquiring funds to increase Clearinghouse staff to reduce the number of unprocessed applications and reviews.
- **Resolved Presumptive Medical Disability Backlog:** KHPA shortened the process time and eliminated the backlog of Presumptive Medical Disability applications for consumers applying to the MediKan program.
- **Reformed Payments for Hospitals:** Working closely with the Kansas Hospital Association, hospital stakeholders, and consultants, KHPA developed a new Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment formula to maximize federal contributions to the program, treat both in-patient and outpatient care equitably, and strengthen Critical Access Hospitals (CAH).
- **Increased Dental Providers:** KHPA increased the number of dental providers serving Medicaid patients and increased the number of Medicaid consumers receiving dental services.
- **Created Program for Working Disabled Kansans:** KHPA established the Work Opportunities Reward Kansans (WORK) program which provides cash and counseling supports for working disabled Kansans.
- **Negotiated Additional Federal Dollars for Data Initiative:** KHPA negotiated an enhanced match for Data Analytic Interface (DAI) from CMS – a project to improve access to information for improved health plan management and data driven policymaking.
- **Completed National Provider Identification (NPI):** KHPA implemented the federal NPI program. The NPI is intended to uniquely identify a health care provider in standard transactions, such as health care claims.

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- **Strengthened Pilot Program for the Chronically Ill:** KHPA implemented the Enhanced Care Management Pilot Project in Sedgwick County, a community based disease management program; the pilot is currently being evaluated with future utilization dependent upon the outcome of that evaluation.
- **Strengthened Pilot Program for Health Information Technology:** KHPA piloted a shared community health record with Kansas Medicaid providers in Sedgwick County; an evaluation has been conducted to evaluate the impact of the CHR on quality of care. An additional community health record pilot in Kansas City for State Employees will begin in 2008.
- **Coordinated Data Systems:** KHPA linked the state immunization registry with the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) to allow for the transfer of immunization data for all eligible Medicaid beneficiaries.

## State Employee Health Plan

- **Improved Health and Wellness Offerings:** The State Employee Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) developed a program to increase the promotion of health and wellness in the health benefits plan of state employees, to include access to health coaching, personal health screenings, and health education and promotion tools.
- **Provided Employees with Additional Benefit and Plan Selection Tools:** A Benefit Selector/Plan Selector Tool was made available to SEHBP eligible persons and improved marketing materials were developed.
- **Increased Support for Dependent Coverage:** The employer financial contribution for SEHBP dependent coverage was increased from 45% to 55%, making health insurance more affordable for families.
- **Improved Health Plan Benefit Design:** The SEHBP benefit design was improved to expand the focus on prevention, health and wellness with emphasis placed on tobacco cessation, obesity, and diabetes management.
- **Strengthened Financial Management:** A systematic financial reporting SEHBP mechanism to the Health Care Commission (HCC) was initiated.

## Agency Infrastructure

- **Completed Agency Staffing:** KHPA received legislative approval and hired an additional 31 staff positions, primarily in the areas of finance, accounting, and oversight to support the mission of the independent agency.
- **Integrated Functions Across Agency:** KHPA integrated programs across the agency to consolidate finance, contracts, legal, operations.
- **Secured Additional Space for our Employees:** KHPA secured additional office space, outfitted it, and moved staff to the Mills Building and an expanded 10th Floor of LSOB.
- **Improved Agency Communication:** The KHPA Intranet was established for internal communications, allowing a mechanism for the posting important documents and files that need to be accessed by all KHPA staff.
- **Improved Agency Operations:** KHPA instituted several important infrastructural initiatives which improved system efficiency and effectiveness, including the establishment of new policy, procedures, and budgetary practices.

## Interagency Partnerships

- **Developed Long Term Care Program:** The Long-Term Care Partnership program was jointly developed and implemented by the Kansas Insurance Department, Kansas Department on Aging and the Kansas Health Policy Authority, providing a means for individuals who have long term care partnership

policies to retain more assets, based on policy benefits received, than other persons applying for Medicaid.

- **Solidified Interagency Operations:** Interagency relationships were codified by new updated interagency agreements, addressing responsibilities, duties and management of Medicaid programs that are implemented by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services (SRS), the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) and the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) and are coordinated by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA).
- **Implemented CMS-required reforms:** State Plan Amendments were submitted and approved by CMS to make needed changes in the Targeted Case Management and Local Education Agencies Medicaid programs.
- **Supported Other Agency Reform Efforts:** KHPA supported the implementation of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) and Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP), waiver for dental coverage, and autism waiver Medicaid initiatives advanced by SRS and KDOA.

## Health Reform

- **Developed Reform Recommendations:** KHPA in conjunction with the Health for All Kansas Steering Committee developed health reform recommendations aimed at increasing personal responsibility for health, paying for prevention and promoting medical homes, and improving access to affordable health insurance.
- **Solicited Significant Stakeholder Input:** KHPA convened four Advisory Councils; Provider Council, Purchaser Council, Consumer Council, and the At-Large Council which met from March through December to provide input into the development of the health reform recommendations presented to the Legislature and the Governor.
- **Met with Kansans Across the State:** KHPA convened a well attended Listening Tour in 22 communities across the state to dialog about health reform in Kansas.
- **Obtained External Funding from Kansas Foundations:** Foundation funding to support the health reform stakeholder participation and data analysis process was secured.

## New Initiatives

- **Created Consumer Health Information Website – Kansas Health Online:** Health information transparency for consumers was enhanced through the establishment of a two-phase initiative that (1) collects and makes available health and health care data resources to consumers and (2) will publicize cost and health care quality information developed by the Health Data Consortium for use by purchasers and consumers.
- **Improved Agency Health Policy and Research Capacity:** KHPA added significant health policy research and analysis staff capacity and undertook the development of a data management, and policy analysis program that will promote data driven health policy decisions, improve health care efficiency, lower health care costs, and improve overall health status.
- **Convened Data Stakeholders:** KHPA convened the first meeting of the Data Consortium to provide stakeholder input on data policy and assess State's health status.
- **Developed Private Insurance Model for Low Income Kansans:** KHPA undertook the development and design of the Premium Assistance program, Kansas Healthy Choices, which will provide private health insurance for low income Kansans
- **Established Inspector General's Office:** Legislation was passed authorizing the establishment of the Office of the Inspector General at the KHPA to provide an independent oversight body to review and investigate the performance of the KHPA's delivery of health services (KHPA Office of the Inspector General 2008 Annual Report can be found at <http://www.khpa.ks.gov>).

## Achievement of Statutory Responsibilities

The table below describes the major statutory responsibilities of the KHPA and delineates how successful program and policy initiatives undertaken in 2007 fall under each of those major priorities.

<b>Effective Health Care Purchasing</b>	<b>Health Promotion and Public Health</b>	<b>Coordinating Health and Health Care</b>
Implemented Medicaid MCO Successful CMS Audit Deferral Negotiations Created Consumer Health Information Website Reformed DSH Payments Initiated financial reporting to HCC Added Benefit/Plan Selector Tool to SEHP LTC Partnership Increased dental providers and beneficiaries	Health and wellness focus for SEHP Improved benefit design for SEHP Developed health reform recommendations Solicited stakeholder input in health reform Listening tour on health reform	Managed impact of new citizenship identification requirements Shortened process time and backlog for Presumptive Medical Disability WORK program launched Completed National Provider Identification implementation Community Health Record Pilot Program Expanding Enhanced Care Management Pilot Project Linked State immunization records to MMIS Established KHPA Intranet

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