

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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Great News!

KSFHP recently received notice of their five-year competitive grant award. This approval means funding for KSFHP is stable and we will be able to help Kansas farmworkers get access to health care for some time to come. As a result of the grant review process, the KSFHP federal fiscal year was extended for three months until February 28, 2007. Consequently, KSFHP has just completed an 18-month fiscal year (12/1/05 to 2/28/07) and will have a nine-month fiscal year (3/1/07-11/30/07) to complete 2007. After this year KSFHP will return to 12 month grant periods beginning December 1st and ending November 30th.

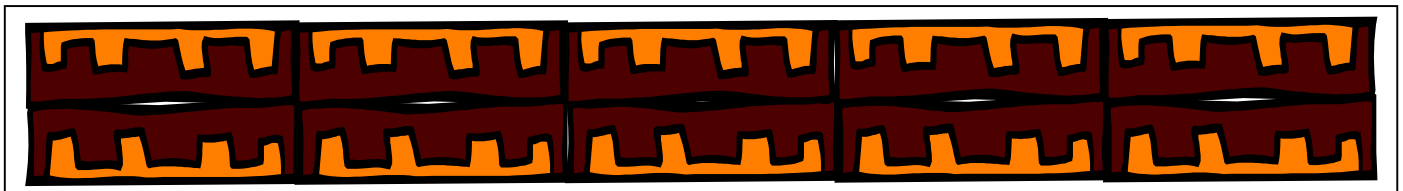
KSFHP staff always appreciates receiving vouchers and bills in a timely manner and works hard to pay for services no more than six weeks after receipt of the bills in the office. Please always feel free to contact your regional case manager or Cyndi Treaster, KSFHP program manager, if it has been over six weeks and you have not received payment. We are happy to let you know where it is in the payment process and give you an anticipated receipt date.

**ATTENTION!
TIME TO SEND IN YOUR
VOUCHERS AND BILLS!**

So that we can process claims for services you have provided up to February 28, 2007 we ask you to do the following:

- CONTACT YOUR BILLING OFFICE IMMEDIATELY,
- Submit all vouchers with outstanding billing claims (those that have not already been submitted for payment) as soon as possible,
- Deadline for receipt of Farmworker Health vouchers/bills for services up to February 28, 2007 is April 15, 2007.

Please continue to try to send in bills and vouchers within two month of the date of service. This will allow us to most effectively manage the farmworker grant funds and ensure funds are available for all claims submitted. In order to receive our correspondence promptly, please remember to include "KS Statewide Farmworker Health Program" and "Suite 340" in our address line. Thank you



Provider Survey

We have enclosed a one-page survey that we would like the staff member at your agency who works most closely with the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program to fill out. In the two strategic planning meetings that were held in the spring of 2006, one of the ideas mentioned was a survey of providers and access points so that we could determine areas where there might be issues that KSFHP needs to address.

We have performed a survey of clients of the program for several years now, and have found it useful in determining issues and areas that we can improve on in the program. We ask you to fill out this one-page survey so that we can get a better idea of our providers' viewpoints about how to improve program services and coverage from the provider perspective.

- If you are a provider for the program but do not serve as an access point agency where individuals enroll in the program and receive vouchers, please only fill out the first side of the survey.
- If you are an access point agency, we ask that you fill out both sides of the survey.

We do not anticipate that it should take more than five minutes to fill out the survey.

The survey does not ask for information that can identify you and all answers will be combined so that it will not be possible to identify any individual clinic's responses.

Please answer the survey questions and return the survey to 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340, Topeka, KS 66612.

Thank you for your willingness to help us improve our program, for both the providers and agencies who help us work to meet the needs of underserved farmworkers and for the farmworkers enrolled in the program.

Who are we serving?

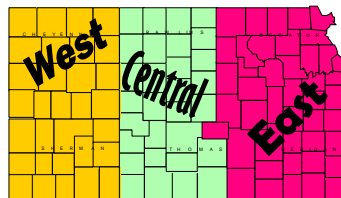
KSFHP served a total of 3871 clients in 2006. Statistics show migrant and seasonal farmworkers enrolled in KSFHP are 49% male and 51% female.

Interestingly, 31% of farmworkers are 19 years of age and under and 91% are under 45 years of age. This demonstrates that farmworkers in Kansas are typically young people who are starting their families.

Did you know that 55% of farmworkers are Latino and 43% Low German Mennonites? Ninety-five percent of farmworker clients are best served in a language other than English.

KSFHP Eligibility Reminder

Eligibility for KSFHP is not related to nationality or language spoken. There may be eligible individuals who have lived all their lives in your community. It may be helpful to think of the term "farmhand" rather than "farmworker" to help you identify those who may be assisted through KSFHP.



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