

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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Fiscal Change Over

On July 1, 2010 all state agencies in Kansas will go live with the Statewide Management, Accounting and Report Tool (SMART). SMART will handle our business transactions in a different manner and we have all been busy training and learning the new system. As we make this transition from the old to the new system, we ask for your patience. There will undoubtedly be payment delays for any bills submitted on or around this date. Please get bills/vouchers for services occurring in June 2010 and before to us as soon as possible so we can process as many payments as we can to decrease the number of bills affected by this transition.

Please continue submitting bills and vouchers within a month of service or as soon as possible after the date of services to insure timely payment.

Billing Reminders

KSFHP is no longer accepting Farmworker bills with a date of service prior to 12/1/09. Bills for Tuberculosis services can be processed back to a date of service of 7/1/09. If you have any questions, please contact your regional case manager listed at the end of the newsletter or contact Cyndi Treaster at (785) 296-8113 or e-mail to ctreaster@kdheks.gov.

Pharmacy Policy

This is a reminder that the voucher program requires a \$5.00 co-pay per prescribed medicine. Pharmacies should collect the \$5.00 per prescribed medicine at the time of service and apply it to the bill. Reimbursements will be made based on this policy. Each voucher can still be used for up to \$50. A new voucher is needed for each visit and only one voucher can be used per visit. Please pass this information on to your staff members and remember to send each voucher back with each bill.

Strategies for Good Health

Tina Guenther just completed two rounds of classes for our Low German speaking clients with diabetes and their family members in Western KS. These trainings are based on the "Health Promotion for Diabetes" curriculum developed by the University of Illinois at Chicago. The trainings were each comprised of five sessions covering topics like self monitoring, controlling diabetes, complications, and learning about diabetic medicines. Nine individuals attended the first class group and five individuals attended the last class group. Tina received very positive feedback from the participants. They reported they had learned a great deal and it was very helpful to have the information presented in their own language.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW KSFHP STAFF



WESTERN KANSAS
CASE WORKER:
MARY MARQUEZ

Mary is joining our Western Kansas staff full-time in the position vacated by Lucia Gutierrez. She is bilingual in English and Spanish. She comes to us from the Migrant Education Program as well as a couple of managerial positions. She is also on the United Way Board in Dodge City. She will be a great addition to our program and we look forward to working with her and introducing her to our clients and partners. Her office will be in Dodge City.



SE KANSAS
HEALTH PROMOTER:
MATINTE TOSIMA

Matinte has joined our staff part-time. She is bilingual in English and Chuukese and is working only in Cherokee County to assist a small group of Polynesian clients.

Wiggle while you Read



KDHE and the Kansas Public Health Association partnered with the State Library and the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers committee to encourage the public health workforce across the state to become involved in the statewide one-book/one-state reading project for the very young. Pat Fernandez and Kendra Baldrige, both Regional Case Managers, read the “Wiggle” book to groups of children in their respective regions to encourage them to be more active.



EASTERN KANSAS
HEALTH PROMOTER:
FRANCESCA BEARD

Francesca will be working part-time with our clients in Wyandotte and Johnson counties. She is bilingual in English and Spanish. She has had years of experience in the health care field at Health Partnership Clinic, Coalition of Hispanic Women against Cancer, Argentine Family Health, and Early Detection Works. We look forward to working with her in coordination with our clients.



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Please note that health providers should contact Regional Case managers for assistance