

# Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

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## Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to towards efficiency and going green, the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP) will begin sending our newsletters in PDF format via e-mail. Please feel free to forward this on or print it out for your clinic staff who would find the information useful or helpful. In order to facilitate this change, we are taking great efforts to get the e-mail addresses from all our providers so newsletters are received by all. If you receive this newsletter in paper format and wish to continue receiving it or if someone else in the clinic needs to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Cyndi Treaster at [ctreaster@kdheks.gov](mailto:ctreaster@kdheks.gov).

## SMART Transition

As many of you are aware, the State of Kansas' government agencies transitioned to a new fiscal system entitled SMART (Statewide Management and Reporting Tool) beginning July 1, 2010. In response KSFHP is still in the process of making adjustments to our processes so that payments are made in a timely and effective manner. Direct deposits are now being made without notification back to KSFHP and as a result, we will be sending out the Explanation of Benefit document several days after the deposit has been made. Please let us know if you have not received it after that time period by emailing the details of the deposit and we will be happy to help you. Questions about the new SMART fiscal system or billing inquiries should be referred to the KSFHP Director, Cyndi Treaster at [ctreaster@kdheks.gov](mailto:ctreaster@kdheks.gov).

## KSFHP Webinars

Since many providers are faced with limited resources for time and travel, KSFHP has developed a webinar to orient providers and partners. This program will review the details of how KSFHP works and what services we provide. These webinars can be used to educate new staff or to refresh information for experienced staff. We are scheduling three webinars in early December that anyone can call and participate in.

Join us! To register, click on the link associated with the day you are available:

Tuesday, December 7 from 10am to 11am:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/356695136>

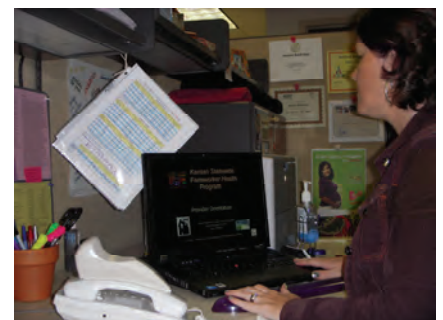
Wednesday, December 8 from 1pm to 2pm:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/216832640>

Thursday, December 9 from 3pm to 4pm:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/438686313>

Interested participants will need to pre-register for the webinar using the links above. Then you will receive an e-mail with a link to sign in to and a conference call number to dial in on the day of the webinar. Please contact the Regional Case Manager in your area with questions or for assistance.



# Advisory Council

KSFHP is seeking Advisory Council members who are farmworkers and active in the program. The Advisory Council meets to review, make recommendations, and approve plans and policies for the program and is made up of representatives from our providers, our partners, and our clients. The time commitment is a monthly, hour-long conference call that occurs over the lunch hour. If you have any referrals or suggestions, please contact the Regional Case Manager in your area or the director, Cyndi Treaster at [ctreaster@kdheks.gov](mailto:ctreaster@kdheks.gov).

# Focus Groups

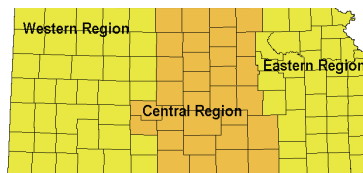


Annually, KSFHP staff conducts six focus groups throughout the state. In these meetings with our clients, we ask health and program related questions to get feedback on our program and to see if it is serving our clients well or if changes need to take place. In the 2010 focus groups, the majority of farmworkers are satisfied with the program and welcome the assistance. Many of them mentioned that their health has improved since being in the program. Some farmworkers expressed frustration in their inability to pay bills, especially for specialty or emergency care. Farmworkers also stated they struggle with providers who are unable to provide interpreters for their medical appointments. Overall, we received very useful feedback from our clients about the program and our providers upon which to evaluate and develop KSFHP services in the coming year.

# Billing Reminders

KSFHP is no longer accepting farmworker bills with a date of service prior to 12/1/09; however, bills for Tuberculosis services can be processed back to a date of service of 7/1/09. Please continue to send bills to us within a month of the date of service. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Case Manager listed at the end of the newsletter.

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