

Kansas 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs **COVID-19 Guidance**

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SED Waiver Measures

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency period, to encourage social distancing and stop the spread of the pandemic, the agency directs that providers and participants limit participation in congregate settings or activities.

1. The state will allow waiver services to be provided wherever a participant authorized to receive such services is located if the service provider is authorized to provide such service in that location.
2. The criteria that a waiver recipient must utilize the HCBS waiver service at a minimum of once every 30 days is waived.
3. Wraparound Facilitation, Parent Support and Training both individual/group, Independent Living/Skills Building, and Attendant Care may be completed using telephonic (phone), televideo consultations, or telemedicine services methods that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
 - b. Such a process must provide interactive audio or video communications, permitting real-time contact between a distant provider, who is present and participating in the visit, and the individual receiving an appointment.
 - c. Short Term Respite Care and Professional Family Resource Care services are not authorized for telemedicine currently.
 - d. [For a comprehensive list of waiver services authorized for telemedicine, see KDADS HCBS Waiver Services with Approved Telemedicine Guidance](#)
4. Waiver services that require direct contact between a provider, case manager, or caregiver should be conducted using methods that promote social distancing throughout the period of the pandemic.

[The exception granted shall be in place until rescinded, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.](#)

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