

Kansas Medical Assistance Program



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From the office of the Fiscal Agent

September 12, 2006

Dear KMAP Provider:

The Kansas Health Policy Authority would like to inform KMAP providers of recent changes to the HealthWave programs in Kansas. Two new managed care providers, UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc. and Children's Mercy Family Health Partners, have been chosen to provide care for certain beneficiaries in the state Medicaid and SCHIP programs (HealthWave 19 and HealthWave 21). Together, these two programs will reach approximately 160,000 Kansans. The Health Policy Authority has awarded a statewide contract to UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc. and a contract for Northeastern and Southeastern Kansas to Children's Mercy Family Health Partners to take effect January 1, 2007.

Providing quality health care at a competitive price and promoting good health for Kansans is a priority for the Kansas Health Policy Authority. After a thorough and competitive bidding process, we are looking to the future for KMAP and will be entering a new era of partnership with UniCare Health Plan of Kansas and Children's Mercy Family Health Partners. We are confident, through working together, we will provide choice to our consumers while ensuring they receive accessible and quality health care they need.

In order to minimize disruption for beneficiaries and providers, we will be working with UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, Inc. and Children's Mercy Family Health Partners to develop a staggered process for Medicaid beneficiaries (Title 19). Beneficiaries who are not enrolled immediately into one of the two MCOs would be served through fee for service Medicaid. However, SCHIP beneficiaries (Title 21) must be moved into the new MCOs at the beginning of 2007.

In the near future, UniCare Health Plan of Kansas or Children's Mercy Family Health Partners may be contacting you asking to join their networks. If you are interested in working with one or both, they may be reached at:

- **UniCare Health Plan of Kansas: 866-268-1473**
- **Children's Mercy Family Health Partners: 800-347-9363**

If you have questions or concerns about this change, please feel free to telephone 785-296-3981 and ask for a member of the managed care team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Brunner", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Brunner
Medicaid Director