
KANSAS

Date: 2017-09-22 06:58:57
To: My Senator
From: Kim Moir
State: Kansas
Email: [REDACTED]



Our son was diagnosed with severe autism at 19 months of age. After intensive home-based services from the H CBS program we finally had to have Nicky hospitalized. He had severe aggression which included severe biting, property destruction, and sleeplessness. At nine years old he entered PARSONS state hospital in training center. He live there until he was 26 years old and then was transferred to Kansas neurological institute just one month ago. Our lives were drastically altered and would have been disabled how do we not have the ability to have Nick hospitalized. Our family could not have survived without Medicaid. Our other son who was just when you're older was able to go on in school and focus enough, despite having PTSD from his brother, and graduated from the University of Kansas. He is now a CPA for a large accounting firm. We are deeply grateful for the impact Medicaid provided for our family. At age 26 our son still needs full-time care that can only be offered to him in a hospital setting. We tried a group Home placement and he gained 100 pounds in nine months and begin biting again. He was readmitted to the hospital. Please don't stop Medicaid funding it impacts those who are most fragile in our society.

Date: 2017-09-22 13:45:00
To: My Senator
From: Kay Soltz
State: Kansas
Email: [REDACTED]



My husband and I have a 36 year old son who has Fragile X Syndrome which is on the autism spectrum. We have been very fortunate to have day and residential services for my son, after being on a waiting list for 5 years. These services are funded by Medicaid.

Although I am very grateful to have these services, we are always vulnerable to losing what we have due to the whim of politicians. I am very worried about the Graham-Cassidy Bill which would impose cuts and per capita caps to Medicaid. The bill appears to completely eliminate funding after 2026. By then my husband will be 80 and I will be 77. Most likely we will have health problems that make it impossible for us to care for our son, or we could be dead. Then what will happen to him?

I do not want my state to have a block grant and decide what to do with it. My son's services are funded through the Medicaid Home and Community Based waiver. HCBS is optional under Medicaid. The block grant will likely be used up on required institutional care and there will be nothing to fund optional services. It is already difficult to qualify for services. Onerous record keep is required to prove continued eligibility. As a parent of an adult with a severe disability whose government has made several recent attempts to take away the lifeline of Medicaid, I am scared. I have an adult child whose needs are too great for me to meet on my own. Consequently I never feel safe and I never feel secure and I don't sleep well at night.

Please oppose the Graham Cassidy bill. The draconian cuts to Medicaid in this bill threatens the lives of people with disabilities.

Kay Soltz

Nicole Jorwic

From: Pat Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Medicaid Matters to Me & My Family---Kansas 66502

I fully support Medicaid! My disabled granddaughter has benefited greatly from Medicaid assistance throughout her life which has been full of tremendous challenges. Without Medicaid support she would not be able to afford the complex care she requires for her many inherited medical, behavioral and cognitive conditions. She would also be unable to live outside of a residential facility. Keeping her a part of our community avoids profound and further debilitating isolation. It also provides her an opportunity to continue learning skills that help her interact safely and appropriately through serving as a volunteer as she works to gain skills that may allow her to one day hold a job.

I strongly urge you to give full federal support for Medicaid! The values this nation was founded upon demand we care for those among us who are less fortunate.

Pat Taylor Wood

Nicole Jorwic

From: JOHN SHIRLEY [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Medicaid Matters from parents in Kansas

Dear Ms. Jorwic:

Please continue your efforts to protect Medicaid. My son, 41 years old, is MR/Autistic and depends on HCBS funding for his day services. Even though he still lives with us (thereby saving taxpayer dollars), he needs a place to go each day to keep him engaged and active with peers. Loss of this service would be devastating for him.

Thank you.

Nikki and John Shirley

Nicole Jorwic

From: Cammie Funston [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:57 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Kansas Medicaid matters to me

I fear the BCRA will end Medicaid as we know it by introducing cuts and caps, which will shrink the program drastically. The resultant loss of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) will mean isolation, and institutionalized care for people like my daughter, Charity.

Charity was born, July 7, 1984, with Down Syndrome. She is in the moderate range of intellectual disability, and will always be semi-dependent on others. Charity also struggles with mental illness and communication deficits. She has bi-polar disorder and has difficulty with change. Charity relies on routines and familiar relationships for healthy functioning. She depends on Medicaid for healthcare, medications, and HCBS. Because of HCBS, Charity can live in a group home, work in a sheltered workshop, and contribute to her community. She can enjoy swimming, dancing, cooking, shopping, and spending time with friends. She is learning life skills, loves her job, and has a strong work ethic.

Last week, it was brought home to me how important home and community based services are to Charity. Due to a plumbing issue, there was a flood at her group home. Consequently, she had to stay with me for several days. As much as my daughter and I enjoy spending time together, this change in routine was a strain on both of us. Charity was very sad about being displaced from her home, and she experienced a great deal of anxiety. Fortunately, the loss was minimal and I could dry out her belongings and take her back home. When she got there, she was so happy! Happy to back in her home of twelve years, and happy to be reunited with her housemates and her staff, whom she loves. And, I thought how tragic it would be if she lost her home permanently due to the end of HCBS.

Please don't let this happen!

Sincerely,

Cammie Funston

[REDACTED] Wichita, KS, [REDACTED]

Nicole Jorwic

From: Noel Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:20 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Please do not cut Medicaid KANSAS

Hello,

I am a direct support worker for a delightful young adult with autism and intellectual disability. Because of Medicaid, he is able to get the medical care that he needs, and he also receives personal assistance so that he can live at home with his elderly mother.

If you cut Medicaid, he will no longer receive adequate assistance to live at home, and he would have to move to some kind of long-term care facility. How in the world does it improve the use of public resources to move him from home -- where he can be supported with minimal resources-- to a more institutional setting, which costs significantly more money? This makes no sense.

Please do not cut Medicaid. Please vote no on the upcoming health care bill.

Thank you,

Dean Young
[REDACTED]
Lawrence, KS [REDACTED]

Nicole Jorwic

From: Cheryl Richt [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 5:09 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Kansas

Medicaid matters to our family because it provides care for my severely disabled 17year old son. Christopher suffers from a rare non-inherited genetic mutation on his third chromosome. He functions at the level of a 3 year old and has a great deal of trouble learning and retaining skills. He requires 24/7 care and now resides at an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) in Lawrence, Kansas which is funded through **Medicaid**. We can not keep Christopher safe at home and if **Medicaid** is cut, his only option will be the State Hospital. **Medicaid** provides safety and quality of life for my son. Please protect the vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Richt

[REDACTED]
Manhattan, KS [REDACTED]

Nicole Jorwic

From: kay soltz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Kansas
Attachments: Scan_0008.pdf

Dear Senator Moran,

Thank you for holding a town meeting and listening to your constituents, of whom I am one. I am a registered Republican.

I am very pleased that you opposed the BCRA in June. The latest changes in that bill still contains enormous cuts to Medicaid, so I ask you to oppose that bill. My 36 year old son has Fragile X Syndrome which is on the autism spectrum. He is not able to work and attends a day program and lives in a residential home that is funded by Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). HCBS is optional under Medicaid. There are mandatory services such as hospitalization and nursing homes. With Medicaid cuts and Kansas's precarious budget, it is quite likely there will be no money to fund optional HCBS services for my son and thousands like him. My husband and I will care for our son as long as we can, but we both have health issues. In ten years when the worst part of the Medicaid cuts hits, we are not likely to be alive. We have no family who will take him in. What will happen to our son?

Medicaid was never part of the ACA. A repeal and replace bill should not include Medicaid. Please vote against any health care bill that includes cuts and a per capita cap to Medicaid.

Sincerely,

Kay Soltz

[REDACTED]
Wichita, Ks. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Nicole Jorwic

From: Kim Moir [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Please DO NOT CHANGE MEDICAID

Our son has severe autism and needs this to survive! He lives in the State Hospital and needs this level of care.

Kansas.

Kim

Nicole Jorwic

From: Aldonacarney [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:35 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Kansas

Dear Senator Moran & Senator Roberts,

My name is Aldona Carney and I'm the parent of a 22 year old young man with severe autism. My son Neil requires 24/7 round the clock care for his health & safety. Medicaid cuts would be devastating to the services that keep my son alive. I'm Neil's voice but he is my heart. People with disabilities in Kansas, the United States and throughout the world are blessings and not burdens on the taxpayer, as some legislators feel they are.

Please vote no on the proposed healthcare bill from the Senate. We are your constituents and you represent us and many others that need your help. Capping services for people with disabilities could threaten the lives of those individuals like my son who need round the clock care, the medically fragile & the frail & elderly. No caps no cuts!

Sincerely, Aldona Carney

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Sent from my iPhone