

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

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Background Check Measures

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

1. Direct service workers and families can begin providing authorized services to waiver participants immediately without waiting for the results of background checks.
2. HCBS providers may offer a provisional employment pending background checks.
 - a. Provisional employees are granted temporary exceptions to work and be paid with Medicaid funding while their background checks are pending
 - b. Applicants shall immediately disclose any/all arrests and outcomes of criminal or civil charges to the employer.
 - i. If a background check is completed during the period that this guidance is in effect, the HCBS provider/employer shall NOT employ a person who has adverse findings and/or a prohibited offense on their background check pursuant to K.S.A. 39-2009.
 - ii. In the event an individual/employee has a prohibited offense and/or an adverse finding, provisional employment to provide HCBS services shall terminate immediately.

The exception granted through this guidance is good through May 1, 2020, at which time the guidance will be revisited for a potential extension, as necessary.

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