

# The Life Pattern

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## What's going on with F M S ?

We thought it was going to happen July 1, 2011.....but it didn't!

We thought it was going to happen September 1, 2011.....but it didn't!

We now think it's going to happen November 1, 2011.....and it just might!

Yes, it looks like things are finally in order and the change to FMS (Financial Management Services) is going to happen November 1st.

So, what does all of this change mean to individuals receiving self-directed services on the Medicaid Waivers in Kansas? Hopefully the change will be smooth as far as paperwork and making sure that direct service workers are paid in a timely manner.

There will be no changes to any rules that impact who can currently be paid to provide care for an individual who is self-directing his or her services.

**WILL THE PLAN OF CARE CHANGE:** The services on your Plan of Care will not change but you will need a new POC designating Life Patterns, Inc. as your FMS. Contact your case manager as soon as possible to get this process started.

If you have any questions about any of these changes, please don't hesitate to call the Life Patterns office. Understanding will make the process easier.

**REMEMBER: Change happens!!  
Together we will get it figured out!**



I heard there's a lot of paperwork for FMS.

### FMS PAPERWORK.....WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

The state is requiring the following agreements for FMS.....

1. An agreement between the Individual Receiving Services (customer) and Life Patterns, Inc (the FMS).
2. An agreement between the Individual Receiving Services (customer) and the Direct Support Worker (DSW).
3. An agreement between the DSW and Life Patterns, Inc. (the FMS).

We will be sending these agreements out next week. You will need an agreement for each of your employees. We will include instructions so you'll know what to do.

We'll also have these agreements available on our website: [www.lifepatternsks.org](http://www.lifepatternsks.org)



### DEFINITION OF CHANGE:

To alter; to make different; to cause to pass from one state to another; as, to **change** the position, character, or appearance of a thing. Yes, Supportive Home Care has changed but we are very fortunate to live in Kansas where Self-Directed services are still state-of-the-art .

**We must protect the privilege of self-direction as we venture into the FMS era of services!**

## ***JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION:***

**The Life Patterns office will be closed for the following holidays:**

**Thursday & Friday, November 24-25**

**Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26**

**Monday, January 2**

**Thanksgiving**

**Christmas**

**New Years**



### **ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM**

**(now known as KS AuthentiCare)**

The changes don't stop with the start of FMS services. The state is also implementing the KS AuthentiCare program. Initially this was to start in 2011. However, the start has been delayed to January 1, 2012. For SRS waiver programs, KS AuthentiCare will be used for self-directed services on the HCBS-MR/DD, TA, PD and TBI waiver programs.

#### **WHAT IS KS AUTHENTICARE?**

It is a web-based scheduling, time and attendance tracking and billing system designed specifically for the diverse needs of Medicaid HCBS services. It is a paperless system that provides real-time access to information needed for self-directed services management. It will assist FMS providers in streamlining their business and reducing dependence on manual and paper processes.

Kansas has contracted with First Date to provide KS AuthentiCare, a comprehensive system that has been successfully implemented in other states. Training on the use of KS AuthentiCare will be provided to FMS providers in the near future. Right now we don't know very much about how this process will work. As we learn about the process, we will pass the information along to you and your Direct Support workers.

Although we all have a lot of questions about this process, we must respect the fact that it has been successful in other states and should provide more efficiency and ease in Kansas also.



#### **INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR PAYCHECK DIRECT DEPOSITED?**



If you haven't already, you might want to consider using our Direct Deposit service for your paycheck. Forms are available on line at our website ([www.lifepatternsks.org](http://www.lifepatternsks.org)) or you can call our office and we'll send you one.

Remember to send in a voided check along with the application if you are using a checking account. If you are using a savings account you will need to have your bank give you a letter stating their routing number and your account number. This is very important as sometimes it's a challenge to read everyone's handwriting.

**We certainly hope  
that you will consider this option of payment.**

#### **WANT TO VIEW YOUR PAY STUBS ONLINE?**

Even if you don't select Direct Deposit, you can still view your paystubs online. In fact, you can also print your paystubs from this website.

##### ***How do you get this started?***

Just send us an email (to [lifepatterns1@hotmail.com](mailto:lifepatterns1@hotmail.com)) and give us your email address. We will send you an invitation to "viewmypaychecks.com". You will go to this website and set up your password.

At every payday, you will receive an email that your paystub is available to view. This site will also have your year-end W-2.



**Call the Life Patterns office  
if you have any questions.**