

The **KU** Center for Research on Aging and Disability Options is looking for **research participants** for a **study on Medicaid/KanCare Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)** during the **COVID-19 Pandemic**.

We want to know how the pandemic impacted the waiver services you receive or provide. We also want to know how waiver consumers, workers, and caregivers stayed safe during the pandemic.

You can participate in this study if you are an adult (ages 18 and up) who falls into *one* of the following groups:

- A **person** who receives in-home care services paid for by Medicaid/KanCare
  - A **KanCare HCBS consumer**, including those on the Frail Elderly (FE), Physical Disability (PD), Brain Injury (BI), or the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) **waivers**.
  - It is OK if you reduced or stopped receiving care during the pandemic.
- A **worker** who provides paid in-home care services
  - A **Direct Service Worker (DSW)**, **Personal Care Attendant (PCA)**, or **Home Care Aide (HCA)** who serves KanCare waiver consumers and who worked in this field before or during the pandemic.
  - If you quit your job or reduced hours during the pandemic, we would still like to hear from you.
  - In-home care workers can be employed by the person directly or through an agency
- A **caregiver** who supported a family member or friend receiving waiver services during the pandemic
- A **provider** or other professional who serves the KanCare HCBS population, with experience before and during the pandemic.

Participation in the study involves a **confidential interview** that lasts 1 to 1 ½ hours by phone or Zoom. Study participants will be compensated \$25 for their time.

**For more information or to join the study, please email us at [homecarestudy@ku.edu](mailto:homecarestudy@ku.edu) or call Dr. Carrie Wendel-Hummell at 785-864-3797.**