

September 21, 2009

Dear Provider:

On August 24, SRS sent a letter to HCBS providers requesting a list of attendants compensated using a payroll agent. As stated in the letter, that request was made in response to a Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) request from the Service Employees International Union. Some providers raised concerns about whether the requested information falls under one or more of the exceptions set out in K.S.A. 45-221, and whether SRS should provide this information to organizations such as labor unions.

With respect to these concerns, SRS assessed the relevant issues that were raised and determined that it will not disclose this information to a third party. Therefore, SRS will not distribute the information it has received and will not ask that providers who have not provided a list do so. I support the effort to get union information to workers paid with state revenues, and ask that you provide these attendants with information about labor organizations that are available to assist them. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Jordan  
Secretary