



KANSAS MEDICAID'S ADVANCED ID CARD

Goal: To provide a durable medical ID card for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Objectives: The Kansas Health Policy Authority, together with the Kansas health care provider community, promotes initiatives that result in decreasing administrative costs, increased efficiency, and improving health care coordination for consumers. These objectives will be achieved, in part, via the implementation of technologies that promote expedient access to patient information. Along with initiatives such as the Community Health Record, the advanced ID card utilizes such technology.

Method: The advanced ID card will take the place of the Medicaid paper cards that are currently issued every month to over 275,000 Kansas Medicaid beneficiaries. The card will be issued annually and will be linked to an electronic database that provides current information about the beneficiary's Medicaid eligibility status.

Development: Since 2006, an active group of stakeholders have collaborated to develop standards for the advanced ID card. These stakeholders include physicians, medical office managers, pharmacies and ancillary providers, health plan managers, software companies and clearinghouse vendors.

Benefits: The card's convenient wallet size and its durability will reduce the need to replace cards due to their loss or destruction. The advanced ID card will eliminate the need for Medicaid providers to photocopy the cards each month. It will also provide the ability to instantly determine whether a beneficiary qualifies for Medicaid and will reduce the number of rejected claims due to operator error when recording patient identification information.

Card design: The front of the advanced ID card will contain the beneficiary name, beneficiary ID number, and date of birth. The back of the advanced ID card will contain plan contact information for providers and plan contact information for beneficiaries.

Timeframe for implementation: Provider notification and training begins on April 9, 2008. Beneficiary notification and training begins on May 1, 2008 followed by notices in May, June, and July beneficiary mailings. Provider bulletins will be mailed on July 15, 2008. Delivery of advanced ID cards to beneficiaries begins on August 23, 2008. Beneficiaries will begin presenting advanced ID cards to providers on September 1, 2008.

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