

## Protect Kansas' Frail and Elderly Population

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M** Under the Medicaid program, the State of Kansas pays nursing facilities a daily rate for care provided to Medicaid benefit eligible residents. For years we have been fighting to address **Medicaid funding shortfalls**, which now sit around **\$10 per patient per day and cost nursing homes in Kansas approximately \$30 million a year**<sup>1</sup>. These shortfalls put an unnecessary strain on the providers that we rely upon to produce the highest quality of care to America's greatest generation.

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D** The **Governor's proposed FY 2010 budget** cuts the significant funding for the KDOA and **suspends current statute freezing already underfunded rates**. This is a savings of \$6 million per year in SGF. Even though the **KDOA is projected to receive \$81 million** over the next three years from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-federal stimulus package to prevent cuts from happening to programs like ours.

**There is no need for the state to suspend current statute and freeze the reimbursement rates in the fiscal year 2010 budget**

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1. Uphold K.S.A. 39-923 by not freezing funding directed towards the frail and elderly.
2. Direct the federal stimulus funding towards it's intended targets.

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1. Mandate that KDOA allocate 6 Million dollars towards reimbursement to uphold current law.
2. Postpone a decision on the current budget recomendation.