January 18, 2012

The Honorable Bob Bethell, Chairperson
House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care
Statehouse, Room 055-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Bethell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2424 by Representative Mast

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2424 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2424 would amend current law concerning home and community based service waivers. The bill would require the separation of providers who perform the planning, startup, and administration of attendant care services for individuals in need of in-home care from providers who perform the actual in-home care. Therefore, providers that perform both case management and in-home care would have to separate these functions and the regulations for licensing MRDD providers would have to be changed.

The Department on Aging states that passage of HB 2424 would have no fiscal effect on expenditures for the HCBS Frail Elderly Waiver because the agency’s policy already prohibits case managers from providing in-home care.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services states that the FY 2013 Governor’s recommendation for the HCBS Waivers for persons with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries totals $453.4 million. Approximately $167.9 million of those expenditures will be for in-home care services. Payments to providers who perform both case management and in-home care represent 65.0 percent or $109.2 million. SRS estimates that passage of HB 2424 could reduce attendant care expenditures for dual-providers by 1.5 to 2.5 percent. Resulting savings would total between $1.6 million and $2.7 million. The State General Fund portion of these savings would range from $706,242 to $1,637,473. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2424 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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