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those served by KanCare.**

Committee on Health and Human Services Testimony in support of HB2047

Jan. 31, 2017

Chairman Hawkins and members of the committee:

The KanCare Advocates Network is a group of advocates whose collective interests include issues impacting children and adults who are served by the Kansas Medicaid program, KanCare. We are testifying today to share our support for HB2047.

The KanCare Advocates Network and other advocacy organizations have long worked for greater independence as well as filling the position of KanCare Inspector General. We believe that this bill is a vast improvement on the current situation without this position. The position of Inspector General has been unfilled since 2014 and is housed within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the agency it is charged with overseeing. For these reasons we strongly support moving this position out of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

We hope that this position is filled as soon as possible and that the new Inspector General is allowed as much autonomy as possible to carry out the duties of the office. We look forward to working with this committee in the future to improve KanCare and make it work better for all involved.

Thank you once again for allowing us the opportunity to support HB2047.

Sincerely,

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