

Hello Kansas Legislators:

My name is Addie McMillian from Liberal, KS and I am on the Frail Elderly waiver under Home and Community Based Services. I am 80 years old. I receive Social Security and a small VA benefit from my husband. I receive 47.25 hours a week of direct support workers in my home to assist me with supervision of showering so I do not fall, managing medications, cooking meals, housework, laundry, and grocery shopping. I have an inoperable brain tumor, essential tremors, spinal stenosis, osteoporosis, depression, chronic back pain, and severe arthritis. I pay a monthly Client Obligation of \$333.42 out of my Social Security to continue receiving these services. I would ask that you consider increasing the protected income level

Addie is unable to live on her own, so she lives with family where she receives some informal supports from them in addition to the formal supports from her workers through the FE waiver. I am afraid of having to go to a nursing home. I want to stay out living in the community where I can spend time and do things with my family. I feel safe where I am.

If I did not have to pay my client obligation every month, I would have more money to help pay insurance for my car and my cell phone which my family pays for now because I cannot afford it. I would also like to be able to help pay for some groceries or the utilities. Right now I do not have the extra money to do this. I would never be able to make it without the support of my family. Relying on my family financially was not in my retirement plan.

I would appreciate your help in raising the protected income level so I can keep my monthly income. Thank you for listening.

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