



ADVOCACY ALERT

New State Senior Care Task Force Meets Next Week

Thursday, September 9th at 9:00 AM the Senior Care Task Force will hold its first meeting!

Trying to learn more about what is actually happening in Topeka this fall? About whether services to keep older adults in their homes will get better and be more available to all who need it? About whether there will be changes to help improve the care, comfort and dignity of older adults in all settings they call home? Want to watch the conversation from the comfort of your own home?

The Senior Care Task Force is a legislative task force created to study issues related to aging in Kansas. Margaret Farley, KABC executive director, sits on the task force. In her work on the Task Force, Margaret will, among other things, urge the task force to recommend the creation of a right to an appeal hearing for persons who are evicted from assisted living facilities. As an advocate for senior care issues, we encourage you to watch or listen to the discussions of the task force. Audio and video links to legislative committees are available online on the Kansas legislative website in real time. They also are archived to listen to or view later, at your convenience.

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More About The Task Force

The Senior Care Task Force was established with the passage of [House Bill 2114](#), and its objective is to study 7 topics related to the care of older Kansans:

1. The provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health conditions
2. The administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care home residents

3. The safeguards to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors in the state of Kansas
4. Adult care home surveys and fines
5. The funding and implementation of the Kansas senior care act, K.S.A. 75-5926 through 75-5936, and amendments thereto
6. Senior daycare resources in the state of Kansas
7. Re-balancing of Home and Community Based Services

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