This morning, Board Members from the Health Innovations Network of Kansas (HINK) received an update regarding the transition of Aetna Better Health of Kansas into the KanCare program. During their update, CEO Keith Wisdom and Network Manager Mike McClure reported that approximately 70% of Kansas hospitals have contracted to provide in-network services to KanCare patients effective January 1, 2019 using one of the following three avenues:

1. Amendment to the Children’s Mercy Family Health Partner (FHP) Agreements (notice sent out in November of 2017 with “opt out” instructions);
2. Amendment to an existing Aetna Commercial/Medicare contract (notice and/or amendments sent out in September of 2018);
3. Direct agreement with Aetna Better Health of Kansas (for providers without an existing agreement with Aetna).

According to Mike McClure, there are 58 hospitals contracted with Aetna Better Health of Kansas by virtue of their FHP agreement. Mike further clarified that unless the hospital notified Aetna of their desire to “opt out” of their FHP contract, the hospital might be contracted with Aetna Better Health of Kansas.

If you have not been contacted regarding contracting with Aetna Better Health of Kansas, or if you have questions regarding your contracting options, we recommend that you contact either Mike McClure at mkmcclure@aetna.com (816-410-9760) or Lydia Jones jonesL6@aetna.com (785-596-8303).

Additional KanCare resources and information are available on the KanCare page of KHA’s website.