Kansas Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians)

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Purpose: This document provides a Kansas-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent, and outlines official steps to take when discrepancies are identified.

Introduction

Reports on social media and in news coverage sometimes describe situations in which services appear to have been billed, reimbursed, or funded in a person's name—or a child's name—without the individual's knowledge or consent. In Kansas, there is **no centralized public database** that allows a name-based search across all benefit programs.

Instead, records are maintained separately by each administering agency, under state and federal confidentiality rules. The practical solution is **self-verification**: reviewing official records you are entitled to access as a parent/guardian, and escalating concerns through official complaint and fraud reporting channels when warranted.

Scope and limitations

- This guide identifies where official records exist and how to request them.
- This guide does not allege wrongdoing by any provider or individual.
- Verification outcomes depend on case-specific facts and agency rules.

Section 1 — Licensed Child Care Verification (Kansas KDHE)

Kansas child care licensing information and public compliance search tools are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

1.1 Official facility compliance search (public)

KDHE Online Facility Compliance Search:
https://khap.kdhe.ks.gov/OIDS/ **[1]**

1.2 Licensing program information and contact (official)

KDHE Child Care Licensing program page:
https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/280/Child-Care-Licensing **[2]**

Section 2 — Child Care Subsidy / Assistance (Kansas DCF)

Kansas child care assistance is administered through the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), Economic & Employment Services. These programs can result in payments to providers on behalf of eligible families.

2.1 Official child care assistance program page (parents/caregivers)

Kansas DCF — Child Care Assistance:
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/pages/child_care/childcaresubsidy.aspx **[3]**

2.2 Official DCF child day care information

Kansas DCF — Child Day Care:
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/Child_Care/ChildDayCare.aspx **[4]**

2.3 What parents/guardians should review

- **Eligibility and authorization notices** (approved provider, dates, and any family share/copayment).
- **Provider identity and compliance status** using the KDHE compliance search (Section 1.1). **[1]**
- **Dates of care** and any mismatch between attendance and what you believe was billed/paid.

Section 3 — Health Coverage Claims (Kansas KanCare / Medicaid)

Health services billed under Kansas Medicaid (KanCare) generate formal claims records through plan systems. These records are the primary source for verifying whether services were billed in your name or your child's name.

3.1 KanCare clearinghouse contact (official)

KanCare "Contact Us" (Clearinghouse) page:
https://www.kancare.ks.gov/contact-us **[5]**

3.2 What to check

- Dates of service (were you/your child present?).
- Provider names and locations you recognize (or do not recognize).
- Repeated claims after eligibility ended, or after provider changes.

3.3 If you find a claim you believe is incorrect

- Request the claim detail and dispute steps through your managed care plan, using the KanCare clearinghouse contact as a starting point. **[5]**
- Consider reporting suspected Medicaid fraud via official Kansas channels (Section 5). **[6]**

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (Kansas Open Records Act / KORA)

Kansas public records access is governed by the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). Personal case information involving minors or medical services may be confidential; however, you can request records you are legally entitled to as a parent/guardian, and request an agency explanation of what can be disclosed.

4.1 Kansas Attorney General KORA overview (official)

Kansas Attorney General — KORA FAQ:
https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/administration/open-government/kora-faq **[7]**

Short excerpt (KORA policy statement as quoted in AG materials): “public records shall be open for inspection by any person unless otherwise provided …” **[7]**

4.2 Kansas DCF open records request process (official)

Kansas DCF — KORA (Access to Open Records):
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Records/pages/kora.aspx **[8]**

Kansas DCF also provides an official online request form:
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Records/Pages/KORAForm.aspx **[9]**

4.3 Recommended records request structure (practical)

1. Identify yourself as the parent/guardian and specify the dependent(s) involved.
2. Specify the program (child care assistance, Medicaid, etc.), provider name, and date range.
3. Request “records sufficient to show” payments/claims made on behalf of your dependent for that period.
4. Ask for a written explanation of any confidentiality limitations or redactions applied.

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Fraud (Kansas Official Channels)

Kansas provides multiple official fraud reporting pathways depending on the program involved. Preserve your documents first (letters, notices, attendance records, claim summaries, dates).

5.1 Kansas DCF Benefit Fraud Hotline and online form (official)

Kansas DCF — Report Benefit Fraud:
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/GC/Pages/Fraud/ReportBenefitFraud.aspx **[10]**

Kansas DCF — Fraud Report Form:
https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/GC/Pages/FraudForm.aspx **[11]**

5.2 Kansas Attorney General — reporting fraud, waste, or abuse (official)

Kansas Attorney General (Medicaid Inspector General) — Reporting Fraud, Waste, or Abuse:
https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/medicaid-inspector-general/reporting-medicaid-fraud **[6]**

This page explicitly includes “medical identity theft involving Medicaid beneficiaries” among reportable concerns. **[6]**

5.3 KDHE Medicaid Program Integrity (official)

KDHE Medicaid Program Integrity page includes official references for reporting provider fraud through the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud & Abuse Division:
https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/172/Medicaid **[12]**

Section 6 — Public “Red Flag” Patterns (For Awareness Only)

The following markers do not prove misconduct, but they can help families know when to verify records or request clarification:

- **Date mismatch:** claims/payments on days the child was not in care or not receiving the service.
- **Provider mismatch:** provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** billing continues after termination/withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** billed hours exceed authorized hours.
- **Identity mismatch:** communications or records referencing a child/dependent you do not recognize.

Appendix A — Official Kansas Resources

1. **KDHE Online Facility Compliance Search:** https://khap.kdhe.ks.gov/OIDS/ **[1]**
2. **KDHE Child Care Licensing:** https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/280/Child-Care-Licensing **[2]**
3. **Kansas DCF Child Care Assistance:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/pages/child_care/childcaresubsidy.aspx **[3]**
4. **Kansas DCF Child Day Care:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/Child_Care/ChildDayCare.aspx **[4]**
5. **KanCare Contact Us (Clearinghouse):** https://www.kancare.ks.gov/contact-us **[5]**
6. **Kansas Attorney General — Reporting Fraud, Waste, or Abuse:** https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/medicaid-inspector-general/reporting-medicaid-fraud **[6]**
7. **Kansas AG — KORA FAQ:** https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/administration/open-government/kora-faq **[7]**
8. **Kansas DCF — KORA Access to Open Records:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Records/pages/kora.aspx **[8]**
9. **Kansas DCF — KORA Request Form:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Records/Pages/KORAForm.aspx **[9]**
10. **Kansas DCF — Report Benefit Fraud:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/GC/Pages/Fraud/ReportBenefitFraud.aspx **[10]**
11. **Kansas DCF — Fraud Report Form:** https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/GC/Pages/FraudForm.aspx **[11]**
12. **KDHE — Medicaid Program Integrity:** https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/172/Medicaid **[12]**

Appendix B — Selected Legal and Policy References (Short Excerpts)

B.1 Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) — policy statement

Kansas AG KORA FAQ includes the policy statement that “public records shall be open for inspection by any person unless otherwise provided …” and cites K.S.A. 45-216(a). **[7]**

B.2 Federal CCDF confidentiality (45 CFR Part 98)

Federal CCDF rules include confidentiality requirements for personally identifiable information. eCFR reference:
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-A/subchapter-A/part-98/subpart-B/section-98.15 **[13]**

Short excerpt (confidentiality clause as commonly cited): “policies to govern the use and disclosure of confidential and personally identifiable information …” **[14]**

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