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**KDADS Awards Emergency \$100,000 Grant to Support Senior Nutrition in South Central Kansas**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) today announced an emergency grant of \$100,000 to the **South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** to ensure continued delivery of home-delivered and congregate meals for older Kansans in response to a disruption in services from the current provider.

The emergency funding was authorized following **Everfull's** notification that it could no longer meet its contractual obligations due to unexpected financial challenges. Everfull had been providing critical nutrition services to older adults in the region under contract with South Central Kansas AAA. The agency serves a 10-county region that includes some of the state's most rural and vulnerable populations.

"Nutritious meals are a lifeline for many of our seniors, supporting both their health and independence," said **Secretary Laura Howard** of KDADS. "This emergency grant allows the Area Agency on Aging to respond quickly to maintain essential meal services while a long-term solution is developed."

The funding will allow South Central Kansas AAA to immediately secure alternative meal providers, cover increased food and delivery costs, and ensure there is no interruption in service for older adults who rely on daily meals for their well-being.

**South Central Kansas AAA Executive Director, Jodi Whitmore**, expressed appreciation for the state's swift response:

"We are incredibly grateful to KDADS for stepping in with this emergency support. Our top priority is the seniors we serve, and this funding ensures they will continue to receive the meals they count on every day."

KDADS and the South Central Kansas AAA will continue working together to identify sustainable service models and support partners to restore long-term stability to the region's senior nutrition program.

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**About KDADS:**

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services administers programs and services to older adults and persons with disabilities, including behavioral health services, long-term services and supports, and oversight of healthcare facilities.

**About South Central Kansas AAA:**

The South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging provides a range of services to help older Kansans

maintain their independence and quality of life, including nutrition programs, caregiver support, and information and referral assistance.

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