

The Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council (KMCHC) was formed as a state-level group to advise and monitor progress addressing specific MCH population needs. Membership includes professional partners including consumers and family members. Due to varied KMCHC contributing partners, the following reimbursement distinctions are described below.

All Members are eligible for the following reimbursement:

- Members traveling more than 150 miles (one-way) from their home/workplace to the in-person meeting are eligible for:
 - Mileage reimbursement based on the current state allowable rate per mile for automobiles and the most direct route from originating location to meeting location, which shall be confirmed by an online map service (Kansas Department of Transportation, MapQuest, Google Maps, etc.). Reimbursement requires mileage documentation.
 - Lodging reimbursement* based on the current state allowable rate for one (1) overnight stay for one-day meetings. Lodging reimbursement requires a lodging receipt.

Consumer/Family Members are eligible for the following reimbursement:

Professional partners such as consumers/family representatives whose attendance is not compensated within an MCH-related employment/consultative capacity are eligible for a participation stipend and limited out-of-pocket costs.

Participation Stipend: \$75 for an in-person meeting

- Stipend will be pro-rated based upon the time the consumer/family expert is physically present in the meeting (e.g. member is only physically present for 75% of the meeting; the individual will only receive 75% of the participation stipend).
- Stipend represents the total amount per family unit, if more than one family member is present, the stipend only is paid to one individual representing the attending family

Out-of-Pocket Costs: Reimbursement in accordance with the policy for “All Members” with the following exceptions.

- Mileage: Members traveling ANY distance (no minimum miles).
- Lodging: Members traveling more than 60 miles.

Child Care Stipend: Child care stipend of no more than \$50 per day for a scheduled meeting if the child(ren) is/are not in school and if child care is only needed to support meeting attendance. **Child care stipends must be requested in advance (email or telephone) and may be provided based on availability of funding.**

*NOTE: The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) maintains the lodging rates for travel locations. Lodging reimbursement is based on the allowable rate for Topeka, Kansas by month and city.
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