



Care Extenders

PANEL DISCUSSION

What is a Care Extender?

A healthcare professional or paraprofessional working under the supervision of licensed medical personnel to expand the reach of healthcare services. Some care extenders may be licensed.

Care extenders perform tasks that allow licensed providers to focus on more complex patient care.

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Introductions

5 min.

- Your name
- Your organization and its mission

Tell Us About Care Extenders

(15 min)

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- What is a _____?
 - What are the qualifications of a _____? Is a certification or license required?
 - Is a _____ approved for reimbursement?

Tell Us About Care Extenders

(15 min)

- How does a _____ provide care for the Kansas MCH population?
- How do _____ increase MCH access to care, considering workforce shortages?

Tell Us About Care Extenders

(10 min)

- How do _____ improve health outcomes in Kansas?
- How can access to _____ reduce health inequities?

Time for Questions

(10 min)

Thank You!
