### Social Isolation of Older Adults: Impact and Response

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# Nursing Facilities and Visitation Restrictions

- ► CMS Guidance for visitation restrictions
- ► The lockdown as the crisis began
- ▶ Disproportionate impact on older adults and especially those residing in nursing facilities
- ► CMS FAQ Guidance 6-23-20 regarding compassionate care visits

#### CPAAA partnership with the Sedgwick County Health Department: Guidance for Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes

- ► Webinar provided: Over 100 facilities participated
- ► Will provide sessions monthly
- ► Issues related to visitation: what is allowed during Phase 2 and Phase 3
- ► Creative visitation procedures
- ► Interpretation of Compassionate Care: CMS Guidance

## Coming Soon: Nursing Home to Community Transition Program

- ► CPAAA ADRC Call Center 855-200-2372
- ► ACL grant to KDADS to assist with transitions for residents who are in nursing facilities impacted by COVID 19
- ► Partners in the grant: CPAAA ADRC Statewide Call Center, Assistive Technology of Kansas, SWKAAA and Topeka Independent Living Resource Center

### Social Isolation Impact: Older Adults Residing in the Community

- Caregiver engagement decreased
- ► Senior Centers and Congregate meal sites closed
- ► Stay at home orders and significant risk for older adults and those with chronic health conditions
- ▶ Reduced availability of service providers and decreased comfort to receive in home services

#### Questions?

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today.

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