

**Individual Concern
Over Rural Medical Access**

By: Tyler Hook

A Southwest Kansas resident is hoping to raise awareness about ongoing transportation challenges facing disabled and rural Kansans who rely on non-emergency medical transportation services for access to healthcare. The individual, who utilizes UnitedHealthcare coverage through the State of Kansas Medicaid system and receives Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), recently shared concerns regarding difficulties arranging transportation for specialist appointments outside the immediate area.

According to the resident, Kansas contracts with several managed care providers under KanCare, with UnitedHealthcare offering coverage options that include non-emergency medical transportation services. For the past four years, she had utilized transportation services through Modivcare for medical appointments. However, she said recent changes involving transportation providers have created growing concerns about availability and reliability for residents in western Kansas who often must travel long distances for specialized medical care unavailable locally.

The resident described a recent experience involving the need for transportation to Wichita for specialist care, noting that access to specialists in western Kansas remains limited for many medical conditions. During the trip process, she said a driver explained that compensation rates for transportation providers are often inadequate for the lengthy distances required in rural areas, making it difficult to maintain enough drivers willing to operate in western Kansas. She also referenced concerns expressed by others familiar with the system who believe transportation programs currently func-

tion effectively in only a small portion of the state, particularly in more populated regions.

While some details regarding provider changes and program administration remain unclear, the resident said her goal is not to criticize individual drivers or companies, but rather to encourage broader discussion about rural healthcare access and transportation challenges facing disabled Kansans. Advocates for rural healthcare have long pointed to transportation as one of the largest barriers to receiving consistent medical care in western Kansas, especially for individuals requiring frequent specialist visits in larger cities such as Wichita, Dodge City or Kansas City. She hopes sharing her experience will help bring additional attention to the issue and encourage continued conversations about improving rural transportation services for vulnerable residents across the state.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STANTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BMCF-BG GUNYAH SERIES II TRUST,)	Case No. ST-2025-CV-000008
)	K.S.A. Ch. 60
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	Mortgage Foreclosure /
KENNETH PUYEAR A/K/A KENNETH S. PUYEAR, et al.,)	Title to Real Estate Involved
Defendants.)	

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Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Stanton County, Kansas, to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Stanton County, Kansas, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the main entrance of the Stanton County Courthouse, 201 N. Main St., Johnson City, Kansas 67855, at 10:00 a.m. CST, on June 3, 2026 the following real estate:

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to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

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Sheriff of Stanton County, Kansas

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