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agencies responsible for oversight “are in crisis,” and noted that officials from the Obama, Trump and Biden administrations had flagged the issue in budget requests.

States have a federal mandate to regulate nursing homes that receive Medicare and Medicaid funding. But Kohn and other advocates said they’re rarely held accountable for failing to fulfill their oversight responsibilities.

“We often treat nursing home residents as expendable,” Kohn said. “These are people who are typically quite old



Kansas long-term care ombudsman Haely Ordoyne told state lawmakers in April that KDADS surveyor shortages had led to dangerous delays in nursing home complaint investigations. [PHOTO BY Kansas News Service]

and quite disabled, and they’re in institutions where they’re not visible to the general public.

And it creates a situation that’s potentially really dangerous.”

A first-of-its-kind lawsuit is currently testing the limits of states’ accountability. The class action suit, filed on behalf of thousands of disabled Maryland nursing home residents, alleges oversight failures by state regulators — including a backlog of uninvestigated complaints and delayed annual inspections — violate residents’ rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In April, a federal judge rejected Maryland’s attempt to have the lawsuit dismissed, an early win

for residents.

If the Maryland residents prevail, it would be one of the first instances of a state facing consequences for failing to adequately regulate its nursing homes. Experts said it could motivate other states, like Kansas, to invest in improving oversight.

“The system let them down”

By most standards, the facility where Cody died appears to perform relatively well.

Kansas hasn’t fined Santa Marta or suspended its Medicare payments over the last three years. The facility has a

four out of five star rating based on a federal rubric that combines inspection reports, staffing numbers and other quality measures. In particular, its reported staffing ratio of 7.5 nurse hours per resident per day far exceeds state and national averages.

But advocates say those metrics — and Kansans’ ability to make informed decisions when choosing a facility to care for themselves or their family members — are meaningless without adequate oversight.

“The industry has demonstrated that it’s not capable or willing to police itself,” said Goodman,

the Kansas Advocates for Better Care director.

“Families are left jaded,” he added. “The facility let them down. The system let them down. The public officials let them down.”

Hernandez said she hopes speaking out about her aunt’s experience helps motivate Kansas officials to prioritize residents’ dignity by improving the state’s oversight capacity.

“I want to change how I remember the end of her life,” she said, “and I want to make it so that this doesn’t happen to any other family.”

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROL L. DAVIS, Deceased.

Case No: FO-2025-PR-000065

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on August 13, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will was filed in this Court by Valarie K. Jones and Veronica L. Davis, the named Executors of the Estate of Carol L. Davis, Deceased.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS
 (Proceedings Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

EMIL GALL, Plaintiff, vs..

Case No. FO-2025-CV-000115 EASTSIDE HOMES, LLC; SCOTT VANDERHOOFREN Defendants. USA AUTO, GLENNA DAY, DANIEL MCGINNES,

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