

2017 Health Legislation

As of 4/12/17

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Notes
SB 32	Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Medical student loan agreements for psychiatry	Approved by Governor	4/6/2017 - - Published in the Kansas Register	Governor signed. Amends the Medical Student Loan Act and the Kansas Medical Residency Bridging Program.
				3/29/2017 - - Approved by Governor Sam Brownback	The bill expands to general psychiatry and child psychiatry the eligible practice areas loan recipients could engage in to meet their loan obligations under the Act. The bill would allow a loan recipient under the Act to meet the loan obligation if the person served as a full-time faculty member of the University of Kansas in general or child psychiatry or by performing at least 100 hours per month of on-site mental health care at a medical facility or at a community mental health center (CMHC).
					The bill would require, subject to appropriations, the University of Kansas School of Medicine to enter into medical student loan agreements with six individuals who commit to satisfying their loan obligations by practicing or teaching, as set out above, general or child psychiatry.
				3/24/2017 - Senate - Enrolled and presented to the Governor	The bill would also amend the statute establishing the Program by expanding the eligible practice areas. The bill would add general or child psychiatry to the list of residency bridging loan agreements.
					The bill would require, subject to appropriations, the University of Kansas School of Medicine to enter into residency bridging loan agreements with three medical residents training in general or child psychiatry.
SB 38	Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program	In Senate Public Health and Welfare		Senate version of Medicaid expansion bill. Exempt and awaiting action on HB 2064.
Sub for SB 69	Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	KanCare process and contract requirements	In House Health and Human Services	3/27/2017 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services	Contents in HB 2026 and passed to the Governor.
				3/24/2017 - House - Received and introduced	Creates procedures and requirements for KDHE to provide a variety of services to providers including encounter data, centralized credentialing, prompt pay provisions, appeals processes, and other changes to ease provider issues with KanCare.
				3/23/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 36, Nays 4	
Sub for SB 74	Rick Billinger, R-40th	Providing for a placard and identification card for persons needing assistance with cognition; also providing for a notation on state-issued drivers' licenses and identification cards	Approved by Governor	4/7/2017 - - Approved by Governor Sam Brownback	Governor signed. The bill would authorize issuance of placards to persons who need assistance with cognition including, but not limited to, persons with autism spectrum disorder, for use in a vehicle. The bill would also authorize a decal to be affixed to a license plate in addition to a placard and placement of an indicator that the person needs assistance with cognition on a driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by the State.
				3/31/2017 - Senate - Enrolled and presented to the Governor	

				3/29/2017 - House - Final Action: Passed; Yeas 125, Nays 0	
SB 94	Senate Ways and Means Committee	Increasing the health maintenance organization privilege fee and extending the medical assistance fee fund	In House Appropriations	3/17/2017 - House - Received and introduced	Passed the Senate, awaiting action in House Committee.
				3/16/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 27, Nays 13	Privilege fee to restore Medicaid cuts. Would increase the annual privilege fees assessed on every health maintenance organization to 5.77 percent beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020. After January 1, 2021, the privilege fee would be assessed at 3.31 percent.
					Revenue would restore reductions in Medicaid reimbursements cut 4% in 2016.
				3/15/2017 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be further amended; be passed as amended	
SB 228	Senate Ways and Means Committee	Enacting the Kansas Medicaid Reform Act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare		Bill sets minimum standards and services for Medicaid and HCBS waiver programs to ensure a level of services if block grants implemented.
SB 243	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Reports relating to impaired health care providers	In Senate Public Health and Welfare		Appears to allow for period update and report on impaired providers. No hearing scheduled.
SCR 1604	Tom Holland, D-3rd	Constitutional amendment lowering the rate of sales and use taxation on food and food ingredients	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	2/14/2017 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Wednesday, 2/15, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	Bill remains in Committee, and will not advance.
					Constitutional amendment reducing food sales tax down to 4% and 2% over next two years.
				2/3/2017 - Senate - Referred to Assessment and Taxation	
				2/2/2017 - Senate - Introduced	
S Sub for HB 2026	House Health and Human Services Committee	KanCare process and contract requirements	Pending enrollment	4/6/2017 - House - Conference Committee Report adopted on House bill; Yeas 119, Nays 5	On way to Governor. Contains provisions of Senate Bill 69.
				4/5/2017 - Senate - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 37, Nays 3	

				3/30/2017 - Senate - Acceded; appointed Schmidt, Bollier and Kelly	
HB 2030	House Health and Human Services Committee	Pharmacist, pharmacy student or intern, administration of any vaccine to a person six years of age or older	Pending action by Governor	4/7/2017 - House - Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Now also contains contents of HB 2121 WEB IZ.
				4/3/2017 - House - Concurred; Yeas 123, Nays 2	HB 2030, as amended, would amend the Kansas Pharmacy Act to change, from 18 to 12 years of age, the minimum age for a person to whom a pharmacist or a pharmacy student or intern working under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist would be authorized to administer a vaccine, other than the influenza vaccine, pursuant to a vaccination protocol and with the requisite training.
				3/28/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 35, Nays 4	
HB 2044	House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program and providing medicaid reimbursement for clubhouse rehabilitation services	Veto sustained	4/3/2017 - House - Motion to override veto failed; Yeas 81, Nays 44; veto sustained	Medicaid expansion. Contents of HB 2064 Bridge to a Healthy Kansas inserted into HB 2044 on House floor. Medicaid expanded on or after January 1, 2018, to include any non-pregnant adult under 65 years of age, who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident and who has been a resident of Kansas for at least 12 months, whose income does not exceed 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). The bill would require referral to workforce training programs, create a Program Drug Rebate Fund and a Program Privilege Fee Fund, create a health insurance coverage premium assistance program, address federal denial and approval of financial participation, require submission of a waiver request to the federal government.
				3/30/2017 - House - Motion to override veto tabled	
				3/30/2017 - - Vetoed by Governor Sam Brownback	
HB 2047	House Health and Human Services Committee	Transfer of the office of inspector general to the office of the attorney general	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	3/29/2017 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare	On House General Orders, but contents of bill placed in Judiciary conference committee that has not passed.
				3/28/2017 - Senate - Received and introduced	Transfer the Office of the Inspector General from the KDHE to the Attorney General. The Inspector General is responsible for auditing, investigating and reviewing the performance of the state Medicaid program, the mediKan program, and the children's health insurance program.
				3/28/2017 - House - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 123, Nays 0	
HB 2064	House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program	In House Health and Human Services	2/22/2017 - House - Motion to withdraw from Committee withdrawn	Contents added to HB 2044.

2/21/2017 - House - Expands Medicaid to address income gap. Bill authored by Motion pending to Kansas Hospital Association and virtually all health care withdraw from Committee and place associations support. on General Orders

2/1/2017 - House - Scheduled Hearings in Health and Human Services: Neut - Monday, 2/6; Pro - Wednesday, 2/8; Opp - Thursday, 2/9, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N

[HB 2065](#) House Health and Human Services Committee Assessments on hospitals and health maintenance organizations In House Health and Human Services 3/8/2017 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Thursday, 3/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 546-S Blessed bill, remains available for action.

2/16/2017 - House - Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Health and Human Services MCO privilege fee and hospital tax but not for use restoring 4% Medicaid reimbursement reductions in 2016. Revenue would be use for general budget items.

2/8/2017 - House - Withdrawn from Health and Human Services; referred to Appropriations

[HB 2107](#) House Health and Human Services Committee Inclusion of biological products in the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas In Senate Public Health and Welfare 3/21/2017 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Public Health and Welfare: Opponents - Wednesday, 3/22, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N Passed the House, in Senate Health Committee with hearing on 3/15.

3/8/2017 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Thursday, 3/16, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N Amend the Kansas Pharmacy Act to allow a pharmacist to exercise brand exchange (substitution) of biological products without prior approval from the prescriber, unless certain conditions exist. Extensive guidelines and requirements included in the bill.

3/7/2017 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare

[HB 2118](#) House Insurance Committee Providing liability exceptions and inactive provider coverage limits under the health care Pending action by Governor 4/7/2017 - House - Enrolled and presented to the Governor Passed the House, Senate, on way to Governor.

provider insurance availability act and exempting certain licensed providers from the act

3/29/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
 HB 2118 would amend and create law supplemental to the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act and amend the Nurse Practice Act to address requirements and exclusions from coverage pertaining to the liability of the Health Care Stabilization Fund (HCSF) and charitable health care providers and certain exempt licensees of the Board of Nursing.

3/28/2017 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Be passed
 The bill would permit insurance carriers providing professional liability insurance coverage to exclude liabilities incurred by such providers as a result of professional services rendered as a charitable health care provider or in the event the provider is covered under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Gap coverage requirement per Health Care Stabilization Fund.

HB 2121	House Health and Human Services Committee	Reporting the administration of vaccines to the state registry	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	3/8/2017 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Tuesday, 3/14, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N	Contents inserted into Senate Sub of HB 2030 and headed to the Governor.
				2/21/2017 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare	Would require that on and after July 1, 2020, physicians and other persons authorized in Kansas to administer vaccines report the administration of a vaccine in the state to the state registry maintained for this purpose by the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary). The manner and form of the reporting would be determined by the Secretary.
				2/20/2017 - Senate - Received and introduced	
HB 2180	House Appropriations Committee	Increasing the health maintenance organization privilege fee and extending the medical assistance fee fund	In Senate Ways and Means	4/7/2017 - Senate - Referred to Ways and Means	Passed the House and now in Senate Committee. Bill amended to fund \$33.5 million over three years in funding to community mental health centers after 4 percent restoration.
				4/6/2017 - Senate - Received and introduced	Privilege fee to restore Medicaid cuts. Would increase the annual privilege fees assessed on every health maintenance organization to 5.77 percent beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020. After January 1, 2021, the privilege fee would be assessed at 3.31 percent. Hospitals would paid increased provider assessment rate.
					Revenue would restore reductions in Medicaid reimbursements cut 4% in 2016.
				4/6/2017 - House - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 103, Nays 21	
HB 2205	House Health and Human Services Committee	Vaccinations for meningitis required	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	3/8/2017 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 3/15, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N	Passed the House, in Senate Health with hearing on 3/15.

				3/7/2017 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare	Add meningitis to the list of vaccinations required for schoolchildren by age 11 and a booster after age 16.
				3/6/2017 - Senate - Received and introduced	
HB 2206	House Health and Human Services Committee	Relating to telemedicine	In House Health and Human Services	2/8/2017 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Thursday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 546-S	Referred to 2017 interim study.
				1/31/2017 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services	After 1/1/19 health policy or coverage must treat telehealth as in person delivery.
					HB 2206 relates to coverage of telemedicine and telehealth services by insurance carriers including the Kansas medical assistance program. This bill establishes parity for telemedicine services with in-person delivered services regarding insurance coverage. The bill requires licensing agencies to maintain consistent standards of care requirements between in-person and telemedicine and telehealth provided services.
				1/30/2017 - House - Introduced	Insurance and Kansas Medical Society opposition compelled interim study.
HB 2217	House Health and Human Services Committee	Standards governing the use and administration of emergency opioid antagonists	Approved by Governor	4/7/2017 - - Approved by Governor Sam Brownback	Governor approved.
				4/4/2017 - House - Enrolled and presented to the Governor	Authorizes first responders to administer opioid overdose medications. Establishes standards governing the use and administration of emergency opioid antagonists approved to inhibit the effects of opioids in overdose. The Board of Pharmacy to issue a statewide opioid antagonist protocol, define applicable terms, establish educational requirements for the use of opioid antagonists, and provide protection from civil and criminal liability for individuals acting in good faith and with reasonable care in administering an opioid antagonist. The Board of Pharmacy would be required to adopt rules and regulations by 1/1/18.
					Establish first responder training procedures.
				3/28/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed; Yeas 39, Nays 0	
S Sub for HB 2304	Tom Burroughs, D-33rd	Child care facilities background check and sleeping area requirements	Pending enrollment	4/5/2017 - House - Concurred; Yeas 118, Nays 6	On way to the Governor.
				3/29/2017 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 27, Nays 13	Amends regulation of maternity on child care facilities with following requirements for children under 12 months of age:

A child could be placed to sleep only on a surface and in an area approved for use by KDHE; and

3/28/2017 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; substitute be passed as amended

The sleep surface would be required to be free from soft or loose bedding, including blankets, bumpers and pillows, as well as toys, including mobiles and other types of play equipment or devices.

Children over 12 months of age are placed to sleep only on a surface approved by the Secretary.

HB 2399	House Taxation Committee	Providing a tax credit for certain child and dependent care expenses	In House Taxation	3/30/2017 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Monday, 4/3, 3:30 PM, Rm 346.S	
				3/20/2017 - House - Referred to Taxation	
				3/17/2017 - House - Introduced	
HB 2413	House Appropriations Committee	Amending the Kansas indoor clean air act	In House Federal and State Affairs		Repeals casino and speedway smoking ban exemption. No hearing scheduled.