



MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Commission
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SUBJECT: **Approval of New Non State Eligible Employers**

The State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) has been contacted by a public employer interested in joining the plan that has not previously been recognized by the HCC to join the plan. The information provided by the group, COF Training Services Inc., states that it is a nonprofit community facility as provided for in K.S.A. 19-4001.

When a public employer is interested in joining the SEHP, a two-part review occurs to determine eligibility. First, we ask them to document that they are eligible for coverage under the statute, which may include providing articles of incorporation, bylaws, tax status, etc. KHPA legal staff reviews the prospective group's documentation as well as K.S.A. 75-6506 to determine if the group is an eligible public employer to participate. If the group is eligible under the statute, then a second review is done to determine if the type of group has been recognized by the Health Care Commission as eligible to join. K.S.A. 75-6506(c) sets out the eligible groups that the HCC may recognize for inclusion in the SEHP. With regard to the above group requesting inclusion, K.S.A. 75-6506(c) states that, in the event that the Kansas state employees health care commission designates by rules and regulations a group of persons on the payroll of a nonprofit community facility as defined in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq. and amendments thereto, they are qualified to participate in the SEHP.

Recommendation:

Authorize the inclusion of nonprofit community facilities as provided for in K.S.A. 19-4001 for participation in the non state public employer portion of the SEHP.