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## **Kansas Medicaid taking action to prevent waste, fraud and abuse** *KHPA Board hires Inspector General for Medicaid program*

Today, the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board announced the appointment of Robin J. Kempf as Kansas Health Policy Authority Inspector General, upon confirmation by the Kansas Senate.

“The Health Policy Authority takes very seriously its role as good stewards of state resources. The role of the Inspector General is to improve the state’s Medicaid, MediKan and State Children’s Health Insurance Programs by preventing waste, fraud and abuse,” said Marci Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director of the Health Policy Authority. “With Robin’s experience and knowledge, she will make an excellent asset to our team as we work to improve health and health care for Kansans.”

SB 11, which was signed into law this year, established the Office of Inspector General. The inspector general position will audit, investigate, and conduct performance reviews to provide increased accountability, integrity and oversight of the state Medicaid program, the state MediKan program and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. This position will assist in improving agency and program operations and prevent and identify fraud, waste and abuse. The inspector general will be responsible for conducting investigations, audits, evaluations, and other reviews. The position will work with the Attorney’s General Office as necessary.

Kempf, Topeka, has been an associate general counsel with the Kansas Board of Regents since 2005 and between 2001 and 2003. In this capacity, she served as legal counsel to the Board and its staff. Prior to her work at the Board of Regents, she was a university professor in China and an auditor with the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit.

Kempf received her bachelor’s degree from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and her law degree from University of Kansas School of Law.

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