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Economic Impact Statement
Changes to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Eligibility Regulations
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Pursuant to the requirements of K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 65-1,254 and 75-7403, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment submits the following economic impact statement concerning two new articles for the Kansas medical assistance programs and related new regulations. These regulations are being promulgated for the purposes of transitioning all medical assistance regulations from the Department of Children and Families, formerly the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services as still identified in administrative regulations, to the Department of Health and Environment which is now responsible for the administration of the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs. The proposed articles and regulations are being promulgated for administrative purposes.

1. Regulations to be implemented.

- K.A.R. 129-1-1. Definitions.
- K.A.R. 129-2-1. Uniformity of interpretation.
- K.A.R. 129-2-2. Fees for providing copies.

2. Brief description of each regulation and what is intended to be accomplished by adoption.

K.A.R. 129-1-1. Definitions

This new article and regulation provide specific definitions of terms used in regulations throughout subsequent articles regarding the medical assistance program including "department," "Kancare-CHIP," "Medicaid," and "applicant" and "recipient."

K.A.R. 129-2-1. Uniformity of interpretation.

This new article and regulation adopt current policy which requires contracted staff to follow department policy as interpreted in manuals, other policy materials, and official communication releases.

K.A.R. 129-2-2. Fees for providing copies.

This new article and regulation adopt current policy regarding costs that can be charging when providing copies of official department documents and records.

3. Are these regulations mandated by federal law?

No

4. Do the proposed regulations exceed the requirements of applicable Federal law?

No

5. Description of costs:

(a) Costs to the agency:

There is no additional cost to the agency.

(b) Costs to persons who will bear the costs and those who will be affected and are subject to the proposed rules and regulations or the enforcement:

These regulations are administrative changes and will result in no additional costs or impacts to KanCare beneficiaries or others.

(c) Costs to other government agencies or units:

The newly implemented policies will not result in costs to other government agencies or units

6. Description of any less costly or less intrusive methods that were considered by the agency for the purpose of the rules and regulations and why such methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rules and regulations.

No less costly or intrusive methods were identified.