

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-420(c) (4), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance submits the following description of the economic impact of the proposed revocation of K.A.R. 30-10-19, the amendment of K.A.R. 129-10-18 and the addition of K.A.R. 129-10-19.

1. Summary of Changes. K.A.R. 30-10-19 is being revoked and replaced by K.A.R. 129-10-19, a new regulation. K.A.R. 129-10-18 is being amended to clarify and modify the rules for determining Medicaid reimbursement per diem rates for new and existing nursing facilities. The proposed amendment deletes reference to quarterly changes to reimbursement rates. The amendments, also, enact semi-annual rate changes effective July 1 and January 1 and update the process for the State's ventilator program to reflect current requirements for reimbursement. These amendments, also, allow the agency flexibility to address process changes in the rate setting program concurrent with managed care.
2. The regulations are not mandated by federal law.
3. The agency is unable to estimate the fiscal impact of these changes. The agency believes that the revocation, amendment and addition of the regulations noted above will result in no process changes in the rate setting process for either providers or the State. It is anticipated that the changes will allow for streamlining the processes and make the rate setting process more efficient and accurate and less burdensome. Any potential savings, though, are hard to estimate.
4. K.A.R. 30-10-19, 129-10-18 and 129-10-19 are not environmental regulations.