

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2009

HOUSE BILL No. 2259

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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10 AN ACT concerning health care; duties of the Kansas health policy
11 authority.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) The Kansas health policy authority is directed to:

15 (1) Apply for a waiver or waivers from the centers for medicare and
16 medicaid services (CMS) which would lower the cost of health care under
17 the Kansas medicaid program by offering a new plan design that shall
18 include a health savings account or a health opportunity account or both;
19 and

20 (2) negotiate with CMS to include in such waiver provisions granting
21 authority to reform the Kansas medicaid program to promote personal
22 responsibility for health care services and appropriate utilization of health
23 care benefits.

24 (b) The Kansas health policy authority may phase in any waiver it
25 receives pursuant to subsection (a) based upon available funding.

26 ~~Sec. 2. (a) The Kansas health policy authority is authorized to de-~~
27 ~~velop and implement a pilot premium assistance plan to assist eligible~~
28 ~~employees of small employers to purchase an employer-sponsored health~~
29 ~~benefit plan or to allow eligible employees of a small employer to buy in~~
30 ~~to a state approved individual health benefit plan.~~

31 ~~—(b) As used in this section:~~

32 ~~—(1) “Eligible employee” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in~~
33 ~~K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments thereto.~~

34 ~~—(2) “Health benefit plan” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in~~
35 ~~K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments thereto.~~

36 ~~—(3) “Small employer” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A.~~
37 ~~40-2209d, and amendments thereto.~~

38 ~~—(c) The Kansas health policy authority may adopt rules and regula-~~
39 ~~tions to implement the provisions of this section.~~

40 Sec. ~~3~~ **2**. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
41 publication in the statute book.