

**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Social Services Budget  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 13, 2025  
Subject: House Bill 2314 – As introduced

House Bill 2314, as introduced, proposes a new section of law that directs the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services to provide training and expand opportunities for more peer support specialist certifications. To expand such opportunities, the bill, as introduced, authorizes the Secretary to establish standards, contract with third party entities, and conduct name-based criminal history record checks. Further, the bill would require the Secretary of Health and Environment to pursue a Medicaid code for peer support specialists to provide services via telehealth.

New section 1, subsection (a) directs the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services, subject to appropriations, to “provide training and expand opportunities for peer support specialist certification.” This subsection also allows the Secretary to contract with third party entities to provide such trainings and certifications.

Subsection (b) directs the Secretary to establish standards for peer support specialists, including billable hours, amount of training sessions, number of participants in each training session, hours for services provided annually, and supervision by non-licensed professionals.

Subsection (c) authorizes the Secretary to conduct a name-based criminal history record check with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and communicate the results of such check to the third party determining certification of the person who is the subject of such check. The Secretary or a contracting entity are authorized to check registers of reports of abuse, neglect and

exploitation investigated and held by the Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Department for Children and Families for the purpose. The information obtained under subsection (c) shall only be used for the purpose of determining qualification for certification and the Secretary or third party entity shall be immune from civil liability for actions taken in good faith.

Subsection (d) allows certified peer support specialists to provide services via telehealth, as defined in K.S.A. 40-2,211, the definition section of Kansas telemedicine act. Such services shall be an allowable cost for state Medicaid reimbursement purposes. The section directs the Secretary of Health and Environment to pursue the necessary approval to implement the subsection and amend the state Medicaid plan accordingly.

Subsection (e) authorizes the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the bill.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 22-4715 to include the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services to the list of state agencies that may conduct a name-based criminal history record check, solely for the purposes of peer support specialist certification described in new section 1.

If enacted, the bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book on July 1, 2025.