

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2548 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2548 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

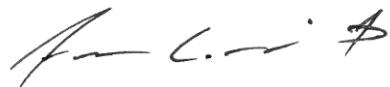
HB 2548 would increase the statutory minimum monthly personal needs allowance for residents in Medicaid approved long-term care facilities from \$50 to \$85 beginning July 1, 2026.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$2,838,917	\$2,852,476
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	\$4,639,791	\$4,661,951
Total Expenditures	--	\$7,478,708	\$7,514,427
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of HB 2548 would increase Medicaid expenditures by \$3.0 million, including \$1.1 million from the State General Fund, for FY 2027. FY 2028 expenditures would increase by \$3.1 million, including \$1.2 million from the State General Fund. The increase would continue in future years. The agency reports that an increase in the monthly personal needs allowance would increase the amount of income a beneficiary is allowed to keep each month, decreasing the amount they would pay directly to the nursing facility. Kansas Medicaid pays the remainder of the individual's care. KDHE notes that the current personal needs allowance is \$62 per month. The agency estimates 131,596 member months in FY 2027 and 133,149 for FY 2028 with an increase of \$23 per member month.

Using a similar methodology, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services estimates enactment of the bill would increase nursing facility expenditures by \$4.5 million, including \$1.7 million from the State General Fund in both FY 2027 and FY 2028. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2548 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services