

## HOUSE BILL No. 2549

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representative Reavis

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AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health insurance plans; coverage of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS); amending K.S.A. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-6525 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) Every individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for accident and health services that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, shall provide for the coverage for the diagnosis and prescribed treatment of PANS and PANDAS.

(b) The coverage of PANS and PANDAS in the state health care benefits program during the health plan coverage year commencing on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2027, and the report on such coverage from the Kansas state employees health care commission pursuant to K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-6525, and amendments thereto, shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of K.S.A. 40-2248, 40-2249 and 40-2249a, and amendments thereto, for the coverage of PANS and PANDAS required by subsection (a).

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "PANS" means pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; and

(2) "PANDAS" means pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2,103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,103. The requirements of K.S.A. 40-2,100, 40-2,101, 40-2,102, 40-2,104, 40-2,105, ~~40-2,105a, 40-2,105b,~~ 40-2,114, 40-2,160, 40-2,165 through 40-2,170, ~~40-2,184, 40-2,190, 40-2,194, 40-2,210 through 40-2,216 and~~ 40-2250, ~~K.S.A. 40-2,105a, 40-2,105b, 40-2,184, 40-2,190, 40-2,194 and 40-2,210 through 40-2,216,~~ and amendments thereto, ~~and~~ *section 1, and amendments thereto*, shall apply to all insurance policies,

1 subscriber contracts or certificates of insurance delivered, renewed or  
2 issued for delivery within or outside of this state or used within this state  
3 by or for an individual who resides or is employed in this state.

4 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-19c09 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-  
5 19c09. (a) Corporations organized under the nonprofit medical and  
6 hospital service corporation act shall be subject to the provisions of the  
7 Kansas general corporation code, articles 60 through 74 of chapter 17 of  
8 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to  
9 nonprofit corporations, to the provisions of K.S.A. 40-214, 40-215, 40-  
10 216, 40-218, 40-219, 40-222, 40-223, 40-224, 40-225, 40-229, 40-230, 40-  
11 231, 40-235, 40-236, 40-237, 40-247, 40-248, 40-249, 40-250, 40-251, 40-  
12 252, 40-2,100, 40-2,101, 40-2,102, 40-2,103, 40-2,104, 40-2,105, *40-  
13 2,105a, 40-2,105b*, 40-2,116, 40-2,117, 40-2,125, 40-2,153, 40-2,154, 40-  
14 2,160, 40-2,161, 40-2,163 through 40-2,170, *40-2,184, 40-2,190, 40-  
15 2,194, 40-2,210 through 40-2,216*, 40-2a01 et seq., 40-2111 through 40-  
16 2116, 40-2215 through 40-2220, 40-2221a, 40-2221b, 40-2229, 40-2230,  
17 40-2250, 40-2251, 40-2253, 40-2254, 40-2401 through 40-2421; and 40-  
18 3301 through 40-3313 ~~and K.S.A. 40-2,105a, 40-2,105b, 40-2,184, 40-  
19 2,190, 40-2,194 and 40-2,210 through 40-2,216~~, and amendments thereto,  
20 *and section 1, and amendments thereto*, except as the context otherwise  
21 requires, and shall not be subject to any other provisions of the insurance  
22 code except as expressly provided in this act.

23 (b) No policy, agreement, contract or certificate issued by a  
24 corporation to which this section applies shall contain a provision ~~which~~  
25 *that* excludes, limits or otherwise restricts coverage because medicaid  
26 benefits as permitted by title XIX of the social security act of 1965 are or  
27 may be available for the same accident or illness.

28 (c) Violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to the penalties  
29 prescribed by K.S.A. 40-2407 and 40-2411, and amendments thereto.

30 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-6525 is hereby amended to read as  
31 follows: 75-6525. (a) As used in this section:

32 (1) "PANS" means pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome;  
33 and

34 (2) "PANDAS" means pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric  
35 disorders associated with streptococcal infections.

36 (b) In the coverage for the next health plan coverage year  
37 commencing on January 1, ~~2023~~ 2027, the *Kansas* state employees health  
38 care commission shall provide for the coverage for the diagnosis and  
39 prescribed treatment of PANS and PANDAS.

40 (c) (1) Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2249a, and  
41 amendments thereto, on or before March 1, ~~2024~~ 2027, the *Kansas* state  
42 employees health care commission shall submit to the president of the  
43 senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives a report ~~including~~

1 ~~the following information pertaining to~~ regarding the mandated coverage  
2 for PANS and PANDAS provided during the plan year commencing on  
3 January 1, ~~2023~~ 2026, and ending on December 31, ~~2023~~ 2026, *including*  
4 *the following information:*

5 (A) The impact that the mandated coverage for PANS and PANDAS  
6 required by subsection (b) has had on the state health care benefits  
7 program;

8 (B) data on the utilization of coverage for PANS and PANDAS by  
9 covered individuals and the cost of providing such coverage for PANS and  
10 PANDAS; and

11 (C) a recommendation whether such mandated coverage for PANS  
12 and PANDAS should continue for the state health care benefits program or  
13 whether additional utilization and cost data is required.

14 (2) ~~At the next legislative session~~ Following receipt of the report  
15 required in paragraph (1), the legislature may consider whether or not to  
16 require the coverage for PANS and PANDAS required by subsection (b) to  
17 be included in any individual or group health insurance policy, medical  
18 service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and  
19 medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health  
20 maintenance organization that provides coverage for accident and health  
21 services and ~~that~~ is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed in  
22 this state on or after ~~July~~ January 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

23 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-  
24 6525 are hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
26 publication in the statute book.