## As Amended by Senate Committee

Session of 2025

## **SENATE BILL No. 21**

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning insurance; requiring that third-party administrators
 maintain separate fiduciary accounts for individual payors and not
 contain funds collected or held on behalf of multiple payors and
 disclose to the commissioner of insurance any bankruptcy petition filed
 by or on behalf of such administrator pursuant to chapter 9 or chapter
 11 of the United States bankruptcy code; amending K.S.A. 40-3807 and
 40-3809 and repealing the existing sections.

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

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 40-3807 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-3807. (a) All insurance charges, premiums, collateral and loss 11 reimbursements collected by an administrator on behalf of or for a payor, 12 and the return of premiums or collateral received from that payor, shall be 13 14 held by the administrator in a fiduciary capacity. Such funds shall be immediately remitted to the person or persons entitled thereto, or shall be 15 16 deposited promptly in a fiduciary account established and maintained by 17 the administrator in a federally or state-insured financial institution. A separate fiduciary account shall be maintained by the administrator for 18 19 each payor and shall not contain funds collected or held by the 20 administrator on behalf of multiple payors. The written agreement 21 between the administrator and the payor shall provide for the administrator 22 to periodically render an accounting to the payor detailing all transactions 23 performed by the administrator pertaining to the business of the payor, and 24 the written agreement between the payor and the administrator shall 25 include specifications of this reporting.

26 (b) The administrator shall keep copies of all records of any fiduciary 27 account maintained or controlled by the administrator, and, upon request 28 of a payor, shall furnish the payor with copies of such records pertaining to 29 deposits and withdrawals on behalf of the payor. If charges or premiums so 30 deposited have been collected on behalf of or for more than one payor, or 31 for the payment of claims associated with more than one policy, the 32 administrator shall keep records clearly recording the deposits in and 33 withdrawals from the account on behalf of each payor and relating to each 34 policyholder.

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1 (c) The administrator shall not pay any claim by withdrawals from a 2 fiduciary account in which premiums or charges are deposited. 3 Withdrawals from a fiduciary account shall be made as provided in the 4 written agreement between the administrator and the payor, and only for 5 the following purposes: (1) Remittance to an insurer entitled thereto; (2) 6 deposit in an account maintained in the name of the payor; (3) transfer to 7 and deposit in a claims paying account, with claims to be paid as provided 8 in subsection (d); (4) payment to a group policyholder for remittance to the 9 payor entitled thereto; (5) payment to the administrator of its earned 10 commissions, fees or charges; (6) remittance of return premiums to the person or persons entitled thereto; or (7) payment to other service 11 12 providers as authorized by the payor.

13 (d) All claims paid by the administrator from funds collected on behalf of or for a payor shall be paid only as authorized by the payor. 14 Payments from an account maintained or controlled by the administrator 15 16 may be made for the following purposes including the payment of claims: 17 (1) Payment of valid claims; (2) payment of expenses associated with the 18 handling of claims to the administrator or to other service providers approved by the payor; (3) remittance to the payor, or transfer to a 19 20 successor administrator as directed by the payor, for the purpose of paying 21 claims and associated expenses; and (4) return of funds held as collateral 22 or prepayment, to the person entitled to those funds, upon a determination 23 by the payor that those funds are no longer necessary to secure or facilitate 24 the payment of claims and associated expenses.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-3809 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-3809. (a) Where the services of an administrator are utilized, the administrator shall provide a written notice, approved by the payor, to covered individuals advising them of the identity of and relationship among the administrator, the policyholder and the payor.

(b) When an administrator collects funds, the reason for collection of
each item shall be identified to the insured party and each item shall be
shown separately from any premium. Additional charges may not be made
for services to the extent the services have already been paid for by the
payor.

(c) The administrator shall disclose to the payor all charges, fees and
 commissions that the administrator receives arising from services it
 provides for the payor, including any fees or commissions paid by payors
 providing reinsurance or stop-loss insurance.

(d) An administrator shall-immediately disclose to the commissioner
any bankruptcy petition filed by or on behalf of such administrator
pursuant to chapter 9 or chapter 11 of the United States bankruptcy code
at the time such filing is made.

43 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 40-3807 and 40-3809 are hereby repealed.

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1 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 2 publication in the<u>-statute book</u> Kansas register.