

SESSION OF 2017

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2027**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2027 would amend a provision of the Kansas Healing Arts Act by allowing a physician providing services to a patient pursuant to a medical retainer agreement to bill for anatomic pathology services when the patient's bill meets certain specifications. The patient's bill for such services would be required to: identify the laboratory or physician that performed the services; disclose in writing to the patient the actual amount charged by the physician or laboratory that performed the service; and be consistent with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Healing Arts (Board) for appropriate billing standards applicable to such services when furnished under the agreement.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Kansas Medical Society (KMS). At the House Committee hearing, a representative from KMS testified in favor of the bill stating enactment of the bill would protect patients from improper billing practices, provide greater transparency, and eliminate a barrier to medical retainer-type practice (also known as direct primary care) models. Written-only proponent testimony was received from four Board certified physicians practicing under a direct primary care model. No other testimony was provided.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board states enactment of the bill would increase responsibilities of certain staff of the Board, but would have no fiscal effect.