

Testimony of Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health  
To House Committee on Welfare Reform  
Written Opponent Testimony on HB 2240 | February 11, 2025

Chairman Averkamp and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written opposition testimony for HB 2240, which would require legislative approval of any Medicaid state plan, state plan amendment, demonstration or waiver that expands coverage or increases costs to the state. Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health serves residents in Douglas County and Lawrence to create abundant and equitable opportunities for good health.

As an implementor of the KanCare program, and an agency that is required to post state plan amendments to the public, we have several concerns about this bill. Namely, the authority it takes away from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the delays in reporting amendments to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) it may cause. Further, adding this unnecessary step to the amendment process could cause additional delays in both Medicaid and Medicare payments and improvements that keep the KanCare program running smoothly.

We urge you to consider voting HB 2240 unfavorably out of committee and support the current process that is already in place.

Sincerely,



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