



To: Members of the Senate Government Efficiency Committee

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RE: Opposition to HB 2240

Thank you, Chairwoman Erickson and members of the committee, for allowing me to share my opposition to HB 2240.

My name is Marissa Alcantar, and I am the Policy and Advocacy Specialist for the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas. The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is nonpartisan health policy advocacy organization focused on increasing access to affordable health care and decreasing medical debt.

We are concerned that the extra steps and procedures established in HB 2240 would impede the ability of the state to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities in the Medicaid Program in a timely and efficient manner. The bill would lengthen the approval process for even small technical changes needed to stay in compliance with new laws and regulations and has the potential to create a bottleneck of approvals for the legislature or LCC. This will slow down the system and make it more cumbersome to administer.

The Medicaid Program is an important source of health coverage for many of our Kansas family, friends, and neighbors. There are already a number of ways that the Kansas Legislature exercises influence over the program, including the agency budget process and the Bob Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee. Measures like HB 2240, that hamper the system by making it slower and less responsive, will make it less effective over time and ultimately harm the individuals it covers. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your opposition to HB 2240.