

February 20, 2026

The Honorable William Sutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Insurance
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2549 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2549 would require 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 on or after January 1, 2027 to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuro-psychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS). The bill would require the Health Care Commission to submit a report on or before March 1, 2027, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes certain information pertaining to the coverage for PANS and PANDAS provided during the 2026 plan year. Following receipt of the report, the Legislature could consider whether to require coverage for PANS and PANDAS to be included in any individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for accident and health services on or after January 1, 2027.

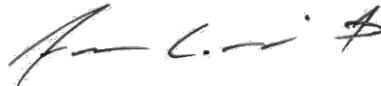
The Department of Administration indicates that the State Employee Health Plan added coverage for PANS and PANDAS in plan year 2023 as a result of 2022 HB 2110, which was signed into law in 2022. A report was presented to the Legislature in 2024. The State Employee Health Care Commission has voted to make coverage of PANS and PANDAS a standard benefit of the State Employee Health Plan. As this is a covered benefit, the Department states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

The Department of Insurance indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Department notes that provisions of the bill would constitute a benefit in addition to the state's essential health benefits, which would require defrayal under federal law.

The Department of Health and Environment states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The fiscal effect associated with providing the coverage to the State Employee Health Plan in HB 2549 is reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states any fiscal effect would be based on whether insurance rates would increase due to the new coverage, and that the extent of the effect would be proportional to the increase. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities. The Kansas Association of School Boards states that enactment of the bill would not have fiscal effect on school districts, special education cooperatives, interlocals, community colleges, or technical colleges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Samir Arif, Department of Administration
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