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HOUSE BILL No. 2027

By Committee on Welfare Reform

Requested by Representative Awerkamp

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AN ACT concerning public assistance; reorganizing subsections of the
 public assistance statute; updating cross references; amending K.S.A.
 39-757 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 39-709 and repealing the existing
 sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 39-709 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 39-709. (a) *General eligibility requirements for assistance for which federal moneys are expended.*

10 (1) Subject to the additional requirements below, assistance in 11 accordance with plans under which federal moneys are expended may be 12 granted to any needy person who:

13 (1)(A) Has insufficient income or resources to provide a reasonable 14 subsistence compatible with decency and health. Where and when 15 determining such income or resources, the secretary shall:

(i) When a husband and wife or cohabiting partners are living
 together, consider the combined income or resources of both shall be considered in determining to determine the eligibility of either or both for
 such assistance unless otherwise prohibited by law. The secretary, in determining need of any applicant for or recipient of assistance shall;

(ii) not take into account the financial responsibility of any individual for any applicant or recipient of assistance unless such applicant or recipient is such individual's spouse, cohabiting partner or such individual's minor child or minor stepchild if the stepchild is living with such individual. The secretary in determining need of an individual;

(*iii*) review and may provide such income and resource exemptions as
 may be permitted by federal law. For purposes of eligibility for temporary
 assistance for needy families, for food assistance and for any other
 assistance provided through the Kansas department for children and
 families under which federal moneys are expended, the secretary for
 children and families shall; and

32 (*iv*) consider one motor vehicle owned by the applicant for assistance, 33 regardless of the value of such vehicle, as exempt personal property and 34 shall consider any equity in any boat, personal water craft, recreational 35 vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle or all-terrain vehicle, as defined by K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, or any additional motor vehicle owned by the applicant for assistance to be a nonexempt resource of the applicant for assistance except that any additional motor vehicle used by the applicant, the applicant's spouse or the applicant's cohabiting partner for the primary purpose of earning income may be considered as exempt personal property in the secretary's discretion; or

7 (2)(B) is a citizen of the United States or is an alien lawfully admitted 8 to the United States and who is residing; and

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(C) resides in the state of Kansas.

10 (2) No person who voluntarily quits employment or who is fired from employment due to gross misconduct as defined by rules and regulations 11 of the secretary or who is a fugitive from justice by reason of a felony 12 conviction or charge or violation of a condition of probation or parole 13 imposed under federal or state law shall be eligible to receive public 14 15 assistance benefits in this state. Any recipient of public assistance who 16 fails to timely comply with monthly reporting requirements under criteria 17 and guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be subject to a penalty established by the secretary by rules and 18 19 regulations.

20 (3) The department of administration shall provide monthly to the 21 Kansas department for children and families the social security numbers 22 or alternate taxpayer identification numbers of all persons who claim a 23 Kansas lottery prize in excess of \$5,000 during the reported month. The Kansas department for children and families shall verify if individuals 24 with such winnings are receiving temporary assistance for needy families 25 or TANF cash assistance, food assistance or assistance under the child 26 care subsidy program and take appropriate action. The Kansas 27 28 department for children and families shall use data received under this 29 subsection solely, and for no other purpose, to determine if any recipient's eligibility for benefits has been affected by lottery prize winnings. The 30 Kansas department for children and families shall not publicly disclose 31 32 the identity of any lottery prize winner, including recipients who are 33 determined to have illegally received benefits.

(b) Temporary assistance for needy families program. (1) As used in
this section, "family group" or "household" means the applicant or
recipient for TANF, child care subsidy or employment services and all
individuals living together in which there is a relationship of legal
responsibility or a qualifying caretaker relationship. This will include a
cohabiting boyfriend or girlfriend living with the person legally
responsible for the child.

41 (2) Assistance may be granted under this act to any dependent child,
42 or relative, subject to the general eligibility requirements as set out in
43 subsection (a), who resides in the state of Kansas or whose parent or other

1 relative with whom the child is living resides in the state of Kansas. Such

assistance shall be known as temporary assistance for needy families.
 Where the husband and wife or cohabiting partners are living together,

where the husband and whe of conabiling parties are fiving together,
 both shall register for work under the program requirements for temporary
 assistance for needy families *TANF* in accordance with criteria and
 guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary.

7 (1) As used in this subsection, "family group" or "household" means 8 the applicant or recipient for TANF, child care subsidy or employment 9 services and all individuals living together in which there is a relationship 10 of legal responsibility or a qualifying caretaker relationship. This will 11 include a cohabiting boyfriend or girlfriend living with the person legally 12 responsible for the child.

(3) The family group shall not be eligible for TANF if the family group contains at least one adult member who has received TANF, including the federal TANF assistance received in any other state, for 24 calendar months beginning on and after October 1, 1996, unless the secretary determines a hardship exists and grants an extension allowing receipt of TANF until the 36-month limit is reached. No extension beyond 36 months shall be granted. Hardship provisions for a recipient include:

20 (A) Is a caretaker of a disabled family member living in the 21 household;

(B) has a disability that precludes employment on a long-term basisor requires substantial rehabilitation;

(C) needs a time limit extension to overcome the effects of domesticviolence or sexual assault;

26 (D) is involved with prevention and protection services and has an 27 open social service plan; or

(E) is determined by the 24th month to have an extreme hardship other
than what is designated in criteria listed in subparagraphs (A) through (D).
This determination will be made by the executive review team.

31 (2)(4) Eligibility for cash assistance shall be subject to subsections 32 (f)(1) through (3).

(5) All adults applying for TANF shall be required to complete a
 work program assessment as specified by the Kansas department for
 children and families, including those who have been disqualified for or
 denied TANF due to non-cooperation, drug testing requirements or fraud.
 Adults who are not otherwise eligible for TANF, such as ineligible aliens,
 relative/non-relative caretakers and adults receiving supplemental security
 income are not required to complete the assessment process.

40 (6) During the application processing period, applicants must
41 complete at least one module or its equivalent of the work program
42 assessment to be considered eligible for TANF benefits, unless good cause
43 is found to be exempt from the requirements. Good cause exemptions shall

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1 only include that the applicant:

2 (A) Can document an existing certification verifying completion of 3 the work program assessment;

(B) has a valid offer of employment or is employed a minimum of 20 4 5 hours a week;

is a parenting teen without a GED or high school diploma; (C)

(D) is enrolled in job corps;

(E) is working with a refugee social services agency; or

9 has completed the work program assessment within the last 12 (F) 10 months.

11 (3)(7) The Kansas department for children and families shall maintain a sufficient level of dedicated work program staff to enable the agency to 12 conduct work program case management services to TANF recipients in a 13 14 timely manner and in full accordance with state law and agency policy.

15 (4)(8) (A) TANF mandatory work program applicants and recipients 16 shall participate in work components that lead to competitive, integrated 17 employment. Components are defined by the federal government as being either primary or secondary. 18

(B) (i) In order to meet federal work participation requirements, 19 20 households shall meet at least 30 hours of participation per week, at least 21 20 hours of which shall be primary and at least 10 hours may be secondary 22 components in one parent households where the youngest child is six years 23 of age or older.

24 (ii) Participation hours shall be 55 hours in two parent households, 35 25 hours per week if child care is not used. The maximum assignment is 40 26 hours per week per individual.

27 (iii) For two parent families to meet the federal work participation 28 rate, both parents shall participate in a combined total of 55 hours per 29 week, 50 hours of which shall be in primary components, or one or both parents could be assigned a combined total of 35 hours per week, 30 hours 30 31 of which must be primary components, if the Kansas department for 32 children and families paid child care is not received by the family.

33 Single parent families with a child under-age six years of age (iv) 34 meet the federal participation requirement if the parent is engaged in work 35 or work activities for at least 20 hours per week in a primary work 36 component.

37 The following components meet federal definitions of primary (C) (i) 38 hours of participation: 39

- (a) FullFull-time or part-time employment;
- 40 (b) apprenticeship;
- 41 (c) work study;
- (d) self-employment; 42
- job corps,; 43 (e)

- 1 (f) subsidized employment;
- 2 (g) work experience sites,;
- 3 (h) on-the-job training;
- 4 *(i)* supervised community service,;
- 5 (j) vocational education;
- 6 (k) job search; and
- 7 *(l)* job readiness.
- 8 *(ii)* Secondary components include:
- 9 (a) Job skills training,;

10 (b) education directly related to employment such as adult basic 11 education and English as a second language; and

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(c) completion of a high school diploma or GED.

(5)(D) A parent or other adult caretaker personally providing care for 13 a child under the age of three months in their TANF household shall be 14 exempt from work participation activities until the month the child attains 15 16 three months of age. Such three-month limitation shall not apply to a 17 parent or other adult caretaker who is personally providing care for a child born significantly premature, with serious medical conditions or with a 18 19 disability as defined by the secretary, in consultation with the secretary of 20 health and environment and adopted in the rules and regulations. The 21 three-month period is defined as two consecutive months starting with the 22 month after childbirth. The exemption for caring for a child under three 23 months of age cannot be claimed by:

(A)(i) Either parent when two parents are in the home and the household meets the two-parent definition for federal reporting purposes;

30 (C)(*iii*) a person-age 19 *years of age* or younger when such person is
 31 pregnant or a parent of a child in the home and the person does not possess
 32 a high school diploma or its equivalent. Such person shall become exempt
 33 the month such person attains 20 years of age; or

(D)(iv) any person assigned to a work participation activity for substance use disorders.

36 (6)(E) TANF work experience placements shall be reviewed after 90 37 days and are limited to six months per 24-month lifetime limit. A client's 38 progress shall be reviewed prior to each new placement regardless of the 39 length of time they are at the work experience site.

40 (7)(F) TANF participants with disabilities shall engage in required 41 employment activities to the maximum extent consistent with their 42 abilities. A TANF participant shall provide current documentation by a 43 qualified medical practitioner that details the ability to engage in 1

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employment and any limitation in work activities along with the expected

duration of such limitations. Disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment constituting or resulting in a substantial impediment to

4 employment for such individual. 5 (8) Non-cooperation is the failure of the applicant or recipient to-6 comply with all requirements provided in state and federal law, federal and 7 state rules and regulations and agency policy. (G) The period of ineligibility for TANF benefits based on non-cooperation, as defined in 8 9 K.S.A. 39-702, and amendments thereto, with work programs shall be as 10 follows, for a: 11 (A)(i) First penalty, three months and full cooperation with work 12 program activities; (B)(ii) second penalty, six months and full cooperation with work 13 program activities; 14 (C)(iii) third penalty, one year and full cooperation with work 15 16 program activities; and 17 (D)(iv) fourth or subsequent penalty, 10 years. (9) Individuals who have not cooperated with TANF work programs 18 19 shall be ineligible to participate in the food assistance program. Thecomparable penalty shall be applied to only the individual in the food-20 assistance program who failed to comply with the TANF work-21 22 requirement. The agency shall impose the same penalty to the member of 23 the household who failed to comply with TANF requirements. The penalty periods are three months, six months, one year, or 10 years. 24 (10) (A)(9) The period of ineligibility for TANF benefits based on 25 parents' non-cooperation, as defined in K.S.A. 39-702, and amendments 26 thereto, with child support services shall be as follows, for a: 27 28 (i)(A) First penalty, three months and cooperation with child support 29 services prior to regaining eligibility; (ii)(B) second penalty, six months and cooperation with child support 30 31 services prior to regaining eligibility; 32 $\frac{(iii)}{C}$ third penalty, one year and cooperation with child support services prior to regaining eligibility; and 33 34 (iv)(D) fourth penalty, 10 years. 35 (B) (i) The period of ineligibility for child care subsidy based on-36 parents' non-cooperation, as defined in K.S.A. 39-702, and amendments 37 thereto, with child support services shall be as follows, for a: 38 (a) First penalty, three months and cooperation with child support 39 services prior to regaining eligibility; (b) second penalty, six months and cooperation with child support 40 41 services prior to regaining eligibility;

42 (c) third penalty, one year and cooperation with child support services
 43 prior to regaining eligibility; and

1 (d) fourth penalty, 10 years.

2 (ii) The secretary, or the secretary's designee, shall review child
 3 support compliance of a parent:

- 4 (a) Upon application for child care subsidy;
- 5 (b) after 12 months of continuous eligibility for child care subsidy; 6 and
- 7 (e) following such 12 months of continuous eligibility when the
 8 secretary renews or redetermines a parent's eligibility for child care 9 subsidy.
- 10 (11) Individuals who have not cooperated without good cause with 11 child support services shall be incligible to participate in the food-12 assistance program. The period of disqualification ends once it has been 13 determined that such individual is cooperating with child support services.
- (12) (A) Any individual who is found to have committed fraud or is 14 15 found guilty of the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and 16 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 21-5801, and amendments thereto, in-17 either the TANF or child care program shall render all adults in the family 18 unit ineligible for TANF assistance. Adults in the household who have 19 been determined to have committed fraud or were convicted of the crime 20 of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 21 21-5801, and amendments thereto, shall render themselves and all adult 22 household members ineligible for their lifetime for TANF, even if fraud-23 was committed in only one program. Households who have been-24 determined to have committed fraud or were convicted of the crime of-25 theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 21-26 5801, and amendments thereto, shall be required to name a protective-27 payee as approved by the secretary or the secretary's designee to-28 administer TANF benefits or food assistance on behalf of the children. No 29 adult in a household may have access to the TANF cash assistance benefit.

30 (B) Any individual who has failed to cooperate with a fraud-31 investigation shall be ineligible to participate in the TANF cash assistance 32 program and the child care subsidy program until the Kansas department 33 for children and families determines that such individual is cooperating 34 with the fraud investigation. The Kansas department for children and-35 families shall maintain a sufficient level of fraud investigative staff to-36 enable the department to conduct fraud investigations in a timely manner 37 and in full accordance with state law and department rules and regulations 38 or policies.

(13) (A) Food assistance shall not be provided to any personconvicted of a felony offense occurring on or after July 1, 2015, thatincludes as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation,
distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlledsubstance analog. For food assistance, the individual shall be permanently

4 (B) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), an-5 individual shall be eligible for food assistance if the individual enrolls in-6 and participates in a drug treatment program approved by the secretary, 7 submits to and passes a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if-8 requested by the department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

9 (ii) An individual's failure to submit to testing or failure tosuccessfully pass a drug test shall result in ineligibility for food assistance 11 until a drug test is successfully passed. Failure to successfully complete a 12 drug treatment program shall result in ineligibility for food assistance until 13 a drug treatment plan approved by the secretary is successfully completed, 14 the individual passes a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if 15 requested by the department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

16 (C) The provisions of subparagraph (B) shall not apply to any individual who has been convicted for a second or subsequent felony offense as provided in subparagraph (A).

19 (14)(10) No TANF cash assistance shall be used to purchase alcohol, 20 cigarettes, tobacco products, lottery tickets, concert tickets, professional or 21 collegiate sporting event tickets or tickets for other entertainment events 22 intended for the general public or sexually oriented adult materials. No 23 TANF cash assistance shall be used in any retail liquor store, casino, 24 gaming establishment, jewelry store, tattoo parlor, massage parlor, body 25 piercing parlor, spa, nail salon, lingerie shop, tobacco paraphernalia store, vapor cigarette store, psychic or fortune telling business, bail bond 26 company, video arcade, movie theater, swimming pool, cruise ship, theme 27 28 park, dog or horse racing facility, parimutuel facility, or sexually oriented business or any retail establishment that provides adult-oriented 29 entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed 30 31 state for entertainment, or in any business or retail establishment where minors under age-18 years of age are not permitted. No TANF cash 32 33 assistance shall be used for purchases at points of sale outside the state of 34 Kansas.

35 (15) (A) The secretary for children and families shall place a-36 photograph of the recipient, if agreed to by such recipient of public-37 assistance, on any Kansas benefits card issued by the Kansas department 38 for children and families that the recipient uses in obtaining food, eash or 39 any other services. When a recipient of public assistance is a minor orotherwise incapacitated individual, a parent or legal guardian of such-40 recipient may have a photograph of such parent or legal guardian placed 41 on the card. 42

43 (B) Any Kansas benefits eard with a photograph of a recipient shall

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be valid for voting purposes as a public assistance identification card in-

accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments-

4 (C) As used in this paragraph and its subparagraphs, "Kansas benefits 5 eard" means any eard issued to provide food assistance, eash assistance or 6 child care assistance, including, but not limited to, the vision card, EBT 7 eard and Kansas benefits eard. 8 (D) The Kansas department for children and families shall monitor all 9 recipient requests for a Kansas benefits card replacement and, upon the 10 fourth such request in a 12-month period, send a notice alerting the-11 recipient that the recipient's account is being monitored for potential-12 suspicious activity. If a recipient makes an additional request for-13 replacement subsequent to such notice, the department shall refer the 14 investigation to the department's fraud investigation unit. 15 (16) The secretary for children and families shall adopt rules and 16 regulations for: 17 (A) Determining eligibility for the child care subsidy program,-18 including an income of a cohabiting partner in a child care household; and 19 (B) determining and maintaining eligibility for non-TANF child care, 20 requiring that all included adults shall be employed a minimum of 20-21 hours per week or more as defined by the secretary or meet the following 22 specific qualifying exemptions: 23 (i) Adults who are not capable of meeting the requirement due to a 24 documented physical or mental condition; 25 (ii) adults who are former TANF recipients who need child care for employment after their TANF case has closed and carned income is a-

26 employment after their TANF case has closed and earned income is a factor in the closure in the two months immediately following TANFelosure;

(iii) adult parents included in a case in which the only child receiving
 benefits is the child of a minor parent who is working on completion of
 high school or obtaining a GED;

32 (iv) adults who are participants in a food assistance employment and
 33 training program;

34 (v) adults who are participants in an early head start child care 35 partnership program and are working or in school or training; or

36 (vi) adults who are caretakers of a child in custody of the secretary in
 37 out-of-home placement needing child care.

The Kansas department for children and families shall provide child care for the pursuit of any degree or certification if the occupation has at least an average job outlook listed in the occupational outlook of the-United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics. Foroccupations with less than an average job outlook, educational plans shall

43 require approval of the secretary or secretary's designee. Child care may

also be approved if the student provides verification of a specific job offer 1 2 that will be available to such student upon completion of the program. 3 Child care for post-secondary education shall be allowed for a lifetime-4 maximum of 24 months per adult. The 24 months may not have to be-5 consecutive. Students shall be engaged in paid employment for a minimum 6 of 15 hours per week. In a two-parent adult household, child care would 7 not be allowed if both parents are adults and attending a formal education 8 or training program at the same time. The household may choose which 9 one of the parents is participating as a post-secondary student. The other 10 parent shall meet another approvable criteria for child care subsidy. (17) (A) The secretary for children and families is prohibited from 11 12 requesting or implementing a waiver or program from the United States 13 department of agriculture for the time limited assistance provisions for able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents in a household 14 15 under the food assistance program. The time on food assistance for able-16 bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents in the household-17 shall be limited to three months in a 36-month period if such adults are not 18 meeting the requirements imposed by the U.S. department of agriculture 19 that they must work for at least 20 hours per week or participate in afederally approved work program or its equivalent. 20 21 (B) Each food assistance household member who is not otherwise 22 exempt from the following work requirements shall: Register for work; 23 participate in an employment and training program, if assigned to such a 24 program by the department; accept a suitable employment offer; and not voluntarily quit a job of at least 30 hours per week. 25 26 (C) Any recipient who has not complied with the work requirements 27 under subparagraph (B) shall be ineligible to participate in the food-28 assistance program for the following time period and until the recipient 29 complies with such work requirements for a: 30 (i) First penalty, three months; 31 (ii) second penalty, six months; and 32 (iii) third penalty and any subsequent penalty, one year. 33 (D) The Kansas department for children and families shall assign all 34 individuals subject to the requirements established under 7 U.S.C. §-35 2015(d)(1) to an employment and training program as defined in 7 U.S.C. 36 § 2015(d)(4). The provisions of this subparagraph shall only apply to: 37 (i) Able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents; 38 (ii) work registrants aged 50 through 59 without dependents not-39 exempt from 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(2); and 40 (iii) individuals who are not employed at least 30 hours per week. (18) Eligibility for the food assistance program shall be limited to-41 42 those individuals who are citizens or who meet qualified non-citizen status 43 as determined by United States department of agriculture. Non-citizen1 individuals who are unable or unwilling to provide qualifying immigrant

2 documentation, as defined by the United States department of agriculture,

3 residing within a household shall not be included when determining the

4 household's size for the purposes of assigning a benefit level to the 5 household for food assistance or comparing the household's monthly-

6 income with the income eligibility standards. The gross non-exempt-

carned and uncarned income and resources of disqualified individuals shall

8 be counted in its entirety as available to the remaining household-9 members.

(19) The secretary for children and families shall not enact the state
 option from the United States department of agriculture for broad-based
 categorical eligibility for households applying for food assistance according to the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 273.2(j)(2)(ii).

(20) No federal or state funds shall be used for television, radio or
 billboard advertisements that are designed to promote food assistance benefits and enrollment. No federal or state funding shall be used for any
 agreements with foreign governments designed to promote food
 assistance.

(21) (A)(c) Food assistance program. (1) (A) The secretary-for children
 and families shall not apply gross income standards for food assistance
 higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(c) unless expressly
 required by federal law. Categorical eligibility exempting households from
 such gross income standards requirements shall not be granted for any
 non-cash, in-kind or other benefit unless expressly required by federal law.

(B) The secretary for children and families shall not apply resource limits standards for food assistance that are higher than the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(g)(1) unless expressly required by federal law. Categorical eligibility exempting households from such resource limits shall not be granted for any non-cash, in-kind or other benefit unless expressly required by federal law.

(C) The secretary shall not enact the state option from the United
States department of agriculture for broad-based categorical eligibility for
households applying for food assistance according to the provisions of 7
C.F.R. § 273.2(j)(2)(ii).

35 (D) Eligibility for the food assistance program shall be limited to 36 those individuals who are citizens or who meet qualified non-citizen status 37 as determined by the United States department of agriculture. Non-citizen 38 individuals who are unable or unwilling to provide qualifying immigrant 39 documentation, as defined by the United States department of agriculture, residing within a household shall not be included when determining the 40 household's size for the purposes of assigning a benefit level to the 41 household for food assistance or comparing the household's monthly 42 43 income with the income eligibility standards. The gross non-exempt earned and unearned income and resources of disqualified individuals
 shall be counted in its entirety as available to the remaining household
 members.

4 (E) Individuals who have not cooperated with TANF work programs 5 shall be ineligible to participate in the food assistance program. The 6 comparable penalty shall be applied to only the individual in the food 7 assistance program who failed to comply with the TANF work 8 requirement. The agency shall impose the same penalty to the member of 9 the household who failed to comply with TANF requirements. The penalty 10 periods are three months, six months, one year or 10 years.

11 *(F)* Individuals who have not cooperated without good cause with 12 child support services shall be ineligible to participate in the food 13 assistance program. The period of disqualification ends once it has been 14 determined that such individual is cooperating with child support services.

15 (G) Eligibility for food assistance shall be subject to subsection (f) 16 (4).

17 (2) (A) Each food assistance household member who is not otherwise 18 exempt from the following work requirements shall:

(i) Register for work;

20 *(ii)* participate in an employment and training program, if assigned 21 to such a program by the department;

(iii) accept a suitable employment offer; and

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(iv) not voluntarily quit a job of at least 30 hours per week.

(B) Any recipient who has not complied with the work requirements
under subparagraph (A) shall be ineligible to participate in the food
assistance program for the following time period and until the recipient
complies with such work requirements for a:

28 (i) First penalty, three months;

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30 *(iii)* third penalty and any subsequent penalty, one year.

(ii) second penalty, six months; and

The secretary is prohibited from requesting or implementing a 31 (C)waiver or program from the United States department of agriculture for 32 the time limited assistance provisions for able-bodied adults aged 18 33 through 49 without dependents in a household under the food assistance 34 program. The time on food assistance for able-bodied adults aged 18 35 through 49 without dependents in the household shall be limited to three 36 37 months in a 36-month period if such adults are not meeting the 38 requirements imposed by the United States department of agriculture that 39 they must work for at least 20 hours per week or participate in a federally approved work program or its equivalent. 40

41 (3) The Kansas department for children and families shall assign all 42 individuals subject to the requirements established under 7 U.S.C. § 43 2015(d)(1) to an employment and training program as defined in 7 U.S.C. 1 § 2015(d)(4). The provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to:

(A) Able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents;

3 (B) work registrants aged 50 through 59 without dependents not 4 exempt from 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(2); and

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(C) individuals who are not employed at least 30 hours per week.

6 (4) No federal or state funds shall be used for television, radio or 7 billboard advertisements that are designed to promote food assistance 8 benefits and enrollment. No federal or state funding shall be used for any 9 agreements with foreign governments designed to promote food 10 assistance.

(d) Child care subsidy program. (1) The secretary shall adopt rules
 and regulations for:

(A) Determining eligibility for the child care subsidy program,
 including an income of a cohabiting partner in a child care household;
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(B) determining and maintaining eligibility for non-TANF child care,
requiring that all included adults shall be employed a minimum of 20
hours per week or more as defined by the secretary or meet the following
specific qualifying exemptions:

20 *(i)* Adults who are not capable of meeting the requirement due to a 21 documented physical or mental condition;

22 (ii) adults who are former TANF recipients who need child care for 23 employment after their TANF case has closed and earned income is a 24 factor in the closure in the two months immediately following TANF 25 closure;

(iii) adult parents included in a case in which the only child receiving
benefits is the child of a minor parent who is working on completion of
high school or obtaining a GED;

(iv) adults who are participants in a food assistance employment and
 training program;

(v) adults who are participants in an early head start child care
 partnership program and are working or in school or training; or

(vi) adults who are caretakers of a child in custody of the secretary in
 out-of-home placement needing child care.

(2) (A) The Kansas department for children and families shall
provide child care for the pursuit of any degree or certification if the
occupation has at least an average job outlook listed in the occupational
outlook of the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

39 (B) For occupations with less than an average job outlook, 40 educational plans shall require approval of the secretary or secretary's 41 designee.

42 (C) Child care may also be approved if the student provides 43 verification of a specific job offer that will be available to such student 1 upon completion of the program.

2 (D) Child care for post-secondary education shall be allowed for a 3 lifetime maximum of 24 months per adult. The 24 months does not have to 4 be consecutive.

5 (E) Students shall be engaged in paid employment for a minimum of 6 15 hours per week.

7 (F) In a two-parent adult household, child care would not be allowed 8 if both parents are adults and attending a formal education or training 9 program at the same time. The household may choose which one of the 10 parents is participating as a post-secondary student. The other parent 11 shall meet another approvable criteria for child care subsidy.

(3) (A) The period of ineligibility for child care subsidy based on
parents' non-cooperation, as defined in K.S.A. 39-702, and amendments
thereto, with child support services shall be as follows, for a:

(i) First penalty, three months and cooperation with child support
 services prior to regaining eligibility;

17 *(ii)* second penalty, six months and cooperation with child support 18 services prior to regaining eligibility;

(iii) third penalty, one year and cooperation with child support
 services prior to regaining eligibility; and

21 (iv) fourth penalty, 10 years.

22 (B) The secretary, or the secretary's designee, shall review child 23 support compliance of a parent:

24 *(i)* Upon application for child care subsidy;

(ii) after 12 months of continuous eligibility for child care subsidy;
and

(iii) following such 12 months of continuous eligibility when the
secretary renews or redetermines a parent's eligibility for child care
subsidy.

30 (c)(e) Fraud Investigations. (1) The Kansas department for children 31 and families shall conduct an electronic check for any false information 32 provided on an application for TANF and other benefits programs 33 administered by the department. For TANF cash assistance, food 34 assistance and the child care subsidy program, the department shall verify 35 the identity of all adults in the assistance household.

36 (2) The department of administration shall provide monthly to the 37 Kansas department for children and families the social security numbers or 38 alternate taxpayer identification numbers of all persons who claim a-39 Kansas lottery prize in excess of \$5,000 during the reported month. The Kansas department for children and families shall verify if individuals 40 with such winnings are receiving TANF cash assistance, food assistance or 41 assistance under the child care subsidy program and take appropriate-42 action. The Kansas department for children and families shall use data-43

1 received under this subsection solely, and for no other purpose, to-

2 determine if any recipient's eligibility for benefits has been affected by

3 lottery prize winnings. The Kansas department for children and families
 4 shall not publicly disclose the identity of any lottery prize winner,-

shall not publicly disclose the identity of any lottery prize winner, including recipients who are determined to have illegally received benefits.

7 (2) (A) Any individual who is found to have committed fraud or is
8 found guilty of the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 21-5801 and 39-720,
9 and amendments thereto, in either the TANF or child care program shall
10 render all adults in the family unit ineligible for TANF assistance.

(B) Adults in the household who have been determined to have
committed fraud or were convicted of the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A.
21-5801 and 39-720, and amendments thereto, shall render themselves
and all adult household members ineligible for their lifetime for TANF,
even if fraud was committed in only one program.

16 (C) Households who have been determined to have committed fraud 17 or were convicted of the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 21-5801 and 39-18 720, and amendments thereto, shall be required to name a protective 19 payee as approved by the secretary or the secretary's designee to 20 administer TANF benefits or food assistance on behalf of the children. No 21 adult in a household may have access to the TANF cash assistance benefit.

(3) Any individual who has failed to cooperate with a fraud
investigation shall be ineligible to participate in the TANF cash assistance
program and the child care subsidy program until the Kansas department
for children and families determines that such individual is cooperating
with the fraud investigation.

(4) The Kansas department for children and families shall maintain a
sufficient level of fraud investigative staff to enable the department to
conduct fraud investigations in a timely manner and in full accordance
with state law and department rules and regulations or policies.

(f) Drug screenings and convictions. (1) (A) A program of drug 31 screening for applicants for cash assistance as a condition of eligibility for 32 cash assistance and persons receiving cash assistance as a condition of 33 continued receipt of cash assistance shall be established, subject to 34 applicable federal law, by the secretary on and before January 1, 2014. 35 Under such program of drug screening, the secretary shall order a drug 36 37 screening of an applicant for or a recipient of cash assistance at any time 38 when reasonable suspicion exists that such applicant for or recipient of 39 cash assistance is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. The secretary may use any information obtained by the 40 secretary to determine whether such reasonable suspicion exists, 41 including, but not limited to, an applicant's or recipient's demeanor, 42 43 missed appointments and arrest or other police records, previous

1 employment or application for employment in an occupation or industry 2 that regularly conducts drug screening, termination from previous 3 employment due to unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled 4 substance analog or prior drug screening records of the applicant or 5 recipient indicating unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled 6 substance analog.

7 (B) Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance whose drug 8 screening results in a positive test may request that the drug screening specimen be sent to a different drug testing facility for an additional drug 9 screening. Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who requests 10 an additional drug screening at a different drug testing facility shall be 11 required to pay the cost of drug screening. Such applicant or recipient who 12 took the additional drug screening and who tested negative for unlawful 13 use of a controlled substance and controlled substance analog shall be 14 reimbursed for the cost of such additional drug screening. 15

16 (C) Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who tests 17 positive for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance 18 analog shall be required to complete a substance abuse treatment program 19 approved by the secretary, secretary of labor or secretary of commerce, 20 and a job skills program approved by the secretary, secretary of labor or 21 secretary of commerce.

(D) Subject to applicable federal laws, any applicant for or recipient
 of cash assistance who fails to complete or refuses to participate in the
 substance abuse treatment program or job skills program as required
 under this subsection shall be ineligible to receive cash assistance until
 completion of such substance abuse treatment and job skills programs.

(E) Upon completion of both substance abuse treatment and job skills
programs, such applicant for or recipient of cash assistance may be
subject to periodic drug screening, as determined by the secretary.

(F) Upon a second positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance shall be ordered to complete again a substance abuse treatment program and job skills program, and shall be terminated from cash assistance for a period of 12 months, or until such recipient of cash assistance completes both substance abuse treatment and job skills programs, whichever is later.

37 (G) Upon a third positive test for unlawful use of a controlled
38 substance or controlled substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance
39 shall be terminated from cash assistance, subject to applicable federal
40 law.

41 *(H)* Except for hearings before the Kansas department for children 42 and families, the results of any drug screening administered as part of the 43 drug screening program authorized by this subsection shall be 1 confidential and shall not be disclosed publicly.

2 (2) (A) If an applicant for or recipient of cash assistance is ineligible for or terminated from cash assistance as a result of a positive test for 3 unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 4 and such applicant for or recipient of cash assistance is the parent or 5 6 legal guardian of a minor child, an appropriate protective payee shall be 7 designated to receive cash assistance on behalf of such child. Such parent 8 or legal guardian of the minor child may choose to designate an individual to receive cash assistance for such parent's or legal guardian's 9 minor child, as approved by the secretary. Prior to the designated 10 individual receiving any cash assistance, the secretary shall review 11 12 whether reasonable suspicion exists that such designated individual is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 13

(B) In addition, any individual designated to receive cash assistance 14 15 on behalf of an eligible minor child shall be subject to drug screening at 16 any time when reasonable suspicion exists that such designated individual is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 17 The secretary may use any information obtained by the secretary to 18 19 determine whether such reasonable suspicion exists, including, but not limited to, the designated individual's demeanor, missed appointments and 20 21 arrest or other police records, previous employment or application for 22 employment in an occupation or industry that regularly conducts drug screening, termination from previous employment due to unlawful use of a 23 controlled substance or controlled substance analog or prior drug 24 25 screening records of the designated individual indicating unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 26

27 (C) Any designated individual whose drug screening results in a 28 positive test may request that the drug screening specimen be sent to a different drug testing facility for an additional drug screening. Any 29 designated individual who requests an additional drug screening at a 30 different drug testing facility shall be required to pay the cost of drug 31 screening. Such designated individual who took the additional drug 32 screening and who tested negative for unlawful use of a controlled 33 substance and controlled substance analog shall be reimbursed for the 34 35 cost of such additional drug screening.

36 (D) Upon any positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance 37 or controlled substance analog, the designated individual shall not receive 38 cash assistance on behalf of the parent's or legal guardian's minor child, 39 and another designated individual shall be selected by the secretary to 40 receive cash assistance on behalf of such parent's or legal guardian's 41 minor child.

42 (3) If a person has been convicted under federal or state law of any 43 offense that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction and has

1 as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled substance 2 analog, and the date of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, such person 3 shall thereby become forever ineligible to receive any cash assistance 4 under this subsection unless such conviction is the person's first 5 6 conviction. First-time offenders convicted under federal or state law of 7 any offense that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction and has as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, 8 distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled 9 substance analog, and the date of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, 10 such person shall become ineligible to receive cash assistance for five 11 12 years from the date of conviction.

(4) (A) Food assistance shall not be provided to any person convicted 13 of a felony offense occurring on or after July 1, 2015, that includes as an 14 element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, distribution, 15 16 possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. For food assistance, the individual shall be permanently 17 disqualified if such individual has been convicted of a state or federal 18 19 felony offense occurring on or after July 1, 2015, involving possession or 20 use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.

(B) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), an
individual shall be eligible for food assistance if the individual enrolls in
and participates in a drug treatment program approved by the secretary,
submits to and passes a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if
requested by the department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

26 (ii) An individual's failure to submit to testing or failure to 27 successfully pass a drug test shall result in ineligibility for food assistance 28 until a drug test is successfully passed.

(iii) Failure to successfully complete a drug treatment program shall
result in ineligibility for food assistance until a drug treatment plan
approved by the secretary is successfully completed, the individual passes
a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if requested by the
department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

(C) The provisions of subparagraph (B) shall not apply to any
individual who has been convicted for a second or subsequent felony
offense as provided in subparagraph (A).

37 (5) The secretary may adopt such rules and regulations as are
 38 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

39 (6) Any authority granted to the secretary under this subsection shall
40 be in addition to any other penalties prescribed by law.

41 *(7) As used in this subsection:*

42 (A) "Cash assistance" means cash assistance provided to individuals 43 under the provisions of article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations
 adopted pursuant to such provisions.

3 (*B*) "Controlled substance" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 21-4 5701, and amendments thereto, and 21 U.S.C. § 802.

5 (C) "Controlled substance analog" means the same as defined in 6 K.S.A. 21-5701, and amendments thereto.

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(d) *Temporary assistance for needy families;*

8 (g) Assignment of support rights and limited power of attorney. (1) 9 By applying for or receiving temporary assistance for needy families such applicant or recipient shall be deemed to have assigned to the secretary on 10 behalf of the state any accrued, present or future rights to support from any 11 12 other person such applicant may have in such person's own behalf or in behalf of any other family member for whom the applicant is applying for 13 14 or receiving aid. In any case in which an order for child support has been 15 established and the legal custodian and obligee under the order surrenders 16 physical custody of the child to a caretaker relative without obtaining a 17 modification of legal custody and support rights on behalf of the child are 18 assigned pursuant to this section, the surrender of physical custody and the 19 assignment shall transfer, by operation of law, the child's support rights 20 under the order to the secretary on behalf of the state. Such assignment 21 shall be of all accrued, present or future rights to support of the child 22 surrendered to the caretaker relative. The assignment of support rights 23 shall automatically become effective upon the date of approval for or 24 receipt of such aid without the requirement that any document be signed 25 by the applicant, recipient or obligee. By applying for or receiving temporary assistance for needy families, or by surrendering physical 26 27 custody of a child to a caretaker relative who is an applicant or recipient of 28 such assistance on the child's behalf, the applicant, recipient or obligee is 29 also deemed to have appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney-in-fact to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing 30 31 all drafts, checks, money orders or other negotiable instruments 32 representing support payments received by the secretary in behalf of any 33 person applying for, receiving or having received such assistance. This 34 limited power of attorney shall be effective from the date the secretary 35 approves the application for aid and shall remain in effect until the 36 assignment of support rights has been terminated in full.

(2) If the applicant or recipient of TANF is a mother of the dependent child, as a condition of the mother's eligibility for TANF, the mother shall identify by name and, if known, by current address the father of the dependent child except that the secretary may adopt by rules and regulations exceptions to this requirement in cases of undue hardship. Any recipient of TANF who fails to cooperate with requirements relating to child support services under criteria and guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be subject to a penalty established
 by the secretary.

3 (3) In any case in which the secretary pays for the expenses of care and custody of a child pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2201 et seq. or 38-2301 et 4 seq., and amendments thereto, including the expenses of any foster care 5 6 placement, an assignment of all past, present and future support rights of 7 the child in custody possessed by either parent or other person entitled to 8 receive support payments for the child is, by operation of law, conveyed to the secretary. Such assignment shall become effective upon placement of a 9 child in the custody of the secretary or upon payment of the expenses of 10 care and custody of a child by the secretary without the requirement that 11 any document be signed by the parent or other person entitled to receive 12 support payments for the child. When the secretary pays for the expenses 13 of care and custody of a child or a child is placed in the custody of the 14 secretary, the parent or other person entitled to receive support payments 15 16 for the child is also deemed to have appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as attorney in fact to perform the specific act of 17 negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, money orders or other 18 19 negotiable instruments representing support payments received by the secretary on behalf of the child. This limited power of attorney shall be 20 21 effective from the date the assignment to support rights becomes effective and shall remain in effect until the assignment of support rights has been 22 23 terminated in full.

24 (4) By applying for or receiving child care subsidy or food assistance, the applicant or recipient shall be deemed to have assigned, 25 pursuant to K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments thereto, to the secretary on 26 behalf of the state only accrued, present or future rights to support from 27 any other person such applicant may have in such person's own behalf or 28 in behalf of any other family member for whom the applicant is applying 29 for or receiving aid. The assignment of support rights shall automatically 30 become effective upon the date of approval for or receipt of such aid 31 without the requirement that any document be signed by the applicant or 32 recipient. By applying for or receiving child care subsidy or food 33 assistance, the applicant or recipient is also deemed to have appointed the 34 35 secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney in fact to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, money orders 36 37 or other negotiable instruments representing support payments received by the secretary in behalf of any person applying for, receiving or having 38 39 received such assistance. This limited power of attorney shall be effective from the date the secretary approves the application for aid and shall 40 remain in effect until the assignment of support rights has been terminated 41 in full. An applicant or recipient who has assigned support rights to the 42 secretary pursuant to this subsection shall cooperate in establishing and 43

enforcing support obligations to the same extent required of applicants for
 or recipients of TANF.

3 (h) Electronic benefits card. (1) The secretary shall place a photograph of the recipient, if agreed to by such recipient of public 4 assistance, on any Kansas benefits card issued by the Kansas department 5 6 for children and families that the recipient uses in obtaining food, cash or 7 any other services. When a recipient of public assistance is a minor or 8 otherwise incapacitated individual, a parent or legal guardian of such 9 recipient may have a photograph of such parent or legal guardian placed 10 on the card.

(2) Any Kansas benefits card with a photograph of a recipient shall
be valid for voting purposes as a public assistance identification card in
accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments
thereto.

15 (3) The Kansas department for children and families shall monitor 16 all recipient requests for a Kansas benefits card replacement and, upon 17 the fourth such request in a 12-month period, send a notice alerting the 18 recipient that the recipient's account is being monitored for potential 19 suspicious activity. If a recipient makes an additional request for 20 replacement subsequent to such notice, the department shall refer the 21 investigation to the department's fraud investigation unit.

(4) As used in this subsection, "Kansas benefits card" means any card
issued to provide food assistance, cash assistance or child care assistance,
including, but not limited to, the vision card, EBT card and Kansas
benefits card.

26 (\mathbf{e}) (i) Requirements for medical assistance for which federal moneys 27 or state moneys or both are expended. (1) When the secretary has adopted a medical care plan under which federal moneys or state moneys or both 28 29 are expended, medical assistance in accordance with such plan shall be granted to any person who is a citizen of the United States or who is an 30 31 alien lawfully admitted to the United States and who is residing in the state 32 of Kansas, whose resources and income do not exceed the levels 33 prescribed by the secretary. In determining the need of an individual, the 34 secretary may provide for income and resource exemptions and protected 35 income and resource levels. Resources from inheritance shall be counted. 36 A disclaimer of an inheritance pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2291, and 37 amendments thereto, shall constitute a transfer of resources. The secretary 38 shall exempt principal and interest held in irrevocable trust pursuant to 39 K.S.A. 16-303(c), and amendments thereto, from the eligibility 40 requirements of applicants for and recipients of medical assistance. Such 41 assistance shall be known as medical assistance.

42 (2) For the purposes of medical assistance eligibility determinations43 on or after July 1, 2004, if an applicant or recipient owns property in joint

1 tenancy with some other party and the applicant or recipient of medical 2 assistance has restricted or conditioned their interest in such property to a 3 specific and discrete property interest less than 100%, then such 4 designation will cause the full value of the property to be considered an 5 available resource to the applicant or recipient. Medical assistance 6 eligibility for receipt of benefits under the title XIX of the social security 7 act, commonly known as medicaid, shall not be expanded, as provided for 8 in the patient protection and affordable care act, public law 111-148, 124 9 stat. 119, and the health care and education reconciliation act of 2010, 10 public law 111-152, 124 stat. 1029, unless the legislature expressly consents to, and approves of, the expansion of medicaid services by an act 11 12 of the legislature.

(3) (A) Resources from trusts shall be considered when determining
eligibility of a trust beneficiary for medical assistance. Medical assistance
is to be secondary to all resources, including trusts, that may be available
to an applicant or recipient of medical assistance.

(B) If a trust has discretionary language, the trust shall be considered
to be an available resource to the extent, using the full extent of discretion,
the trustee may make any of the income or principal available to the
applicant or recipient of medical assistance. Any such discretionary trust
shall be considered an available resource unless:

(i) At the time of creation or amendment of the trust, the trust states aclear intent that the trust is supplemental to public assistance; and

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(ii) the trust is funded:

(a) From resources of a person who, at the time of such funding,
 owed no duty of support to the applicant or recipient of medical assistance;
 or

(b) not more than nominally from resources of a person while that
 person owed a duty of support to the applicant or recipient of medical
 assistance.

(C) For the purposes of this paragraph, "public assistance" includes,
but is not limited to, medicaid, medical assistance or title XIX of the social
security act.

34 (4) (A) When an applicant or recipient of medical assistance is a party 35 to a contract, agreement or accord for personal services being provided by 36 a nonlicensed individual or provider and such contract, agreement or 37 accord involves health and welfare monitoring, pharmacy assistance, case 38 management, communication with medical, health or other professionals, 39 or other activities related to home health care, long term care, medical 40 assistance benefits, or other related issues, any moneys paid under such 41 contract, agreement or accord shall be considered to be an available resource unless the following restrictions are met: 42

43 (i) The contract, agreement or accord must be in writing and executed

1 prior to any services being provided;

2 (ii) the moneys paid are in direct relationship with the fair market 3 value of such services being provided by similarly situated and trained 4 nonlicensed individuals;

5 (iii) if no similarly situated nonlicensed individuals or situations can 6 be found, the value of services will be based on federal hourly minimum 7 wage standards;

8 (iv) such individual providing the services shall report all receipts of 9 moneys as income to the appropriate state and federal governmental 10 revenue agencies;

(v) any amounts due under such contract, agreement or accord shall
 be paid after the services are rendered;

(vi) the applicant or recipient shall have the power to revoke thecontract, agreement or accord; and

(vii) upon the death of the applicant or recipient, the contract,agreement or accord ceases.

17 (B) When an applicant or recipient of medical assistance is a party to 18 a written contract for personal services being provided by a licensed health 19 professional or facility and such contract involves health and welfare 20 monitoring, pharmacy assistance, case management, communication with 21 medical, health or other professionals, or other activities related to home 22 health care, long term care, medical assistance benefits or other related 23 issues, any moneys paid in advance of receipt of services for such 24 contracts shall be considered to be an available resource.

(5) Any trust may be amended if such amendment is permitted by theKansas uniform trust code.

27 (f)(*j*) Eligibility for medical assistance of resident receiving medical 28 care outside state. A person who is receiving medical care including long-29 term care outside of Kansas whose health would be endangered by the postponement of medical care until return to the state or by travel to return 30 31 to Kansas, may be determined eligible for medical assistance if such 32 individual is a resident of Kansas and all other eligibility factors are met. 33 Persons who are receiving medical care on an ongoing basis in a long-term 34 medical care facility in a state other than Kansas and who do not return to 35 a care facility in Kansas when they are able to do so, shall no longer be 36 eligible to receive assistance in Kansas unless such medical care is not 37 available in a comparable facility or program providing such medical care 38 in Kansas. For persons who are minors or who are under guardianship, the 39 actions of the parent or guardian shall be deemed to be the actions of the 40 child or ward in determining whether or not the person is remaining 41 outside the state voluntarily.

42 (g)(k) Medical assistance; assignment of rights to medical support 43 and limited power of attorney; recovery from estates of deceased

recipients. (1) (A) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 39-786 and 39-1 2 787, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise authorized on and after 3 September 30, 1989, under section 303 of the federal medicare 4 catastrophic coverage act of 1988, whichever is applicable, by applying for 5 or receiving medical assistance under a medical care plan in which federal 6 funds are expended, any accrued, present or future rights to support and 7 any rights to payment for medical care from a third party of an applicant or 8 recipient and any other family member for whom the applicant is applying 9 shall be deemed to have been assigned to the secretary on behalf of the 10 state. The assignment shall automatically become effective upon the date of approval for such assistance without the requirement that any document 11 be signed by the applicant or recipient. By applying for or receiving 12 medical assistance the applicant or recipient is also deemed to have 13 14 appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney-in-fact 15 to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, money orders or other negotiable instruments, representing payments 16 17 received by the secretary in on behalf of any person applying for, receiving 18 or having received such assistance. This limited power of attorney shall be 19 effective from the date the secretary approves the application for assistance 20 and shall remain in effect until the assignment has been terminated in full. 21 The assignment of any rights to payment for medical care from a third 22 party under this subsection shall not prohibit a health care provider from 23 directly billing an insurance carrier for services rendered if the provider 24 has not submitted a claim covering such services to the secretary for 25 payment. Support amounts collected on behalf of persons whose rights to 26 support are assigned to the secretary only under this subsection and no 27 other shall be distributed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-756(d), and amendments 28 thereto, except that any amounts designated as medical support shall be 29 retained by the secretary for repayment of the unreimbursed portion of 30 assistance. Amounts collected pursuant to the assignment of rights to 31 payment for medical care from a third party shall also be retained by the 32 secretary for repayment of the unreimbursed portion of assistance.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), the
secretary of health and environment, or the secretary's designee, is hereby
authorized to and shall exercise any of the powers specified in
subparagraph (A) in relation to performance of such secretary's duties
pertaining to medical subrogation, estate recovery or any other duties
assigned to such secretary in article 74 of chapter 75 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto.

40 (2) The amount of any medical assistance paid after June 30, 1992,
41 under the provisions of subsection-(e) (i) is a claim against the property or
42 any interest therein belonging to and a part of the estate of any deceased
43 recipient or, if there is no estate, the estate of the surviving spouse, if any,

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shall be charged for such medical assistance paid to either or both and a claim against any funds of such recipient or spouse in any account under K.S.A. 9-1215, 17-2263 or 17-2264, and amendments thereto. There shall be no recovery of medical assistance correctly paid to or on behalf of an individual under subsection (e) (i) except after the death of the surviving spouse of the individual, if any, and only at a time when the individual has no surviving child who is under 21 years of age or is blind or permanently and totally disabled. Transfers of real or personal property by recipients of medical assistance without adequate consideration are voidable and may be set aside. Except where there is a surviving spouse, or a surviving child who is under 21 years of age or is blind or permanently and totally disabled, the amount of any medical assistance paid under subsection-(e) (i) is a claim against the estate in any guardianship or conservatorship proceeding. The monetary value of any benefits received by the recipient of such medical assistance under long-term care insurance, as defined by K.S.A. 40-2227, and amendments thereto, shall be a credit against the amount of the claim provided for such medical assistance under this subsection. The secretary of health and environment is authorized to enforce each claim provided for under this subsection. The secretary of

health and environment shall not be required to pursue every claim, but is granted discretion to determine which claims to pursue. All moneys received by the secretary of health and environment from claims under this subsection shall be deposited in the social welfare fund. The secretary of health and environment may adopt rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of the medical assistance recovery program under this subsection.

(3) By applying for or receiving medical assistance under the
provisions of article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto, such individual or such individual's agent, fiduciary,
guardian, conservator, representative payee or other person acting on
behalf of the individual consents to the following definitions of estate and
the results therefrom:

(A) If an individual receives any medical assistance before July 1,
2004, pursuant to article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
and amendments thereto, which forms the basis for a claim under
paragraph (2), such claim is limited to the individual's probatable estate as
defined by applicable law; and

(B) if an individual receives any medical assistance on or after July 1,
2004, pursuant to article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
and amendments thereto, which forms the basis for a claim under
paragraph (2), such claim shall apply to the individual's medical assistance
estate. The medical assistance estate is defined as including all real and
personal property and other assets in which the deceased individual had

any legal title or interest immediately before or at the time of death to the
 extent of that interest or title. The medical assistance estate includes
 without limitation, assets conveyed to a survivor, heir or assign of the
 deceased recipient through joint tenancy, tenancy in common,
 survivorship, transfer-on-death deed, payable-on-death contract, life estate,
 trust, annuities or similar arrangement.

7 (4) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's 8 designee is authorized to file and enforce a lien against the real property of 9 a recipient of medical assistance in certain situations, subject to all prior 10 liens of record and transfers for value to a bona fide purchaser of record. The lien must be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county 11 12 where the real property is located within one year from the date of death of 13 the recipient and must contain the legal description of all real property in 14 the county subject to the lien.

(A) After the death of a recipient of medical assistance, the secretary
 of health and environment or the secretary's designee may place a lien on
 any interest in real property owned by such recipient.

18 (B) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's 19 designee may place a lien on any interest in real property owned by a 20 recipient of medical assistance during the lifetime of such recipient. Such 21 lien may be filed only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing has 22 been given. Such lien may be enforced only upon competent medical 23 testimony that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected to be 24 discharged and returned home. A six-month period of compensated 25 inpatient care at a nursing home or other medical institution shall 26 constitute a determination by the department of health and environment 27 that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged and 28 returned home. To return home means the recipient leaves the nursing or 29 medical facility and resides in the home on which the lien has been placed 30 for a continuous period of at least 90 days without being readmitted as an 31 inpatient to a nursing or medical facility. The amount of the lien shall be for the amount of assistance paid by the department of health and 32 33 environment until the time of the filing of the lien and for any amount paid 34 thereafter for such medical assistance to the recipient. After the lien is filed 35 against any real property owned by the recipient, such lien will be 36 dissolved if the recipient is discharged, returns home and resides upon the 37 real property to which the lien is attached for a continuous period of at 38 least 90 days without being readmitted as an inpatient to a nursing or 39 medical facility. If the recipient is readmitted as an inpatient to a nursing or 40 medical facility for a continuous period of less than 90 days, another 41 continuous period of at least 90 days shall be completed prior to 42 dissolution of the lien.

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(5) The lien filed by the secretary of health and environment or the

secretary's designee for medical assistance correctly received may be
 enforced before or after the death of the recipient by the filing of an action
 to foreclose such lien in the Kansas district court or through an estate
 probate court action in the county where the real property of the recipient
 is located. However, it may be enforced only:

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(A) After the death of the surviving spouse of the recipient;

7 (B) when there is no child of the recipient, natural or adopted, who is
8 20 years of age or less residing in the home;

9 (C) when there is no adult child of the recipient, natural or adopted, 10 who is blind or disabled residing in the home; or

(D) when no brother or sister of the recipient is lawfully residing in
the home, who has resided there for at least one year immediately before
the date of the recipient's admission to the nursing or medical facility, and
has resided there on a continuous basis since that time.

15 (6) The lien remains on the property even after a transfer of the title 16 by conveyance, sale, succession, inheritance or will unless one of the 17 following events occur:

(A) The lien is satisfied. The recipient, the heirs, personal
representative or assigns of the recipient may discharge such lien at any
time by paying the amount of the lien to the secretary of health and
environment or the secretary's designee;

(B) the lien is terminated by foreclosure of prior lien of record orsettlement action taken in lieu of foreclosure; or

(C) the value of the real property is consumed by the lien, at which
time the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee
may force the sale for the real property to satisfy the lien.

27 (7) If the secretary for aging and disability services or the secretary of 28 health and environment, or both, or such secretary's designee has not filed 29 an action to foreclose the lien in the Kansas district court in the county 30 where the real property is located within 10 years from the date of the 31 filing of the lien, then the lien shall become dormant, and shall cease to 32 operate as a lien on the real estate of the recipient. Such dormant lien may 33 be revived in the same manner as a dormant judgment lien is revived under 34 K.S.A. 60-2403 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(8) Within seven days of receipt of notice by the secretary-forchildren and families or the secretary's designee of the death of a recipient of medical assistance under this subsection, the secretary-for children and families or the secretary's designee shall give notice of such recipient's death to the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee.

41 (9) All rules and regulations adopted on and after July 1, 2013, and 42 prior to July 1, 2014, to implement this subsection shall continue to be 43 effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of the secretary of health and environment until revised, amended, revoked or
 nullified pursuant to law.

3 (h) Placement under the revised Kansas code for care of children or 4 revised Kansas juvenile justice code; assignment of support rights and-5 limited power of attorney. In any case in which the secretary for children 6 and families pays for the expenses of care and custody of a child pursuant 7 to K.S.A. 38-2201 et seq. or 38-2301 et seq., and amendments thereto, 8 including the expenses of any foster care placement, an assignment of all 9 past, present and future support rights of the child in custody possessed by 10 either parent or other person entitled to receive support payments for the child is, by operation of law, conveyed to the secretary. Such assignment 11 12 shall become effective upon placement of a child in the custody of the 13 secretary or upon payment of the expenses of care and custody of a child by the secretary without the requirement that any document be signed by 14 the parent or other person entitled to receive support payments for the-15 16 ehild. When the secretary pays for the expenses of care and custody of a 17 child or a child is placed in the custody of the secretary, the parent or other 18 person entitled to receive support payments for the child is also deemed to 19 have appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as attorney in fact 20 to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, 21 money orders or other negotiable instruments representing support-22 payments received by the secretary on behalf of the child. This limited-23 power of attorney shall be effective from the date the assignment to-24 support rights becomes effective and shall remain in effect until the-25 assignment of support rights has been terminated in full.

26 (i) No person who voluntarily guits employment or who is fired from 27 employment due to gross misconduct as defined by rules and regulations 28 of the secretary or who is a fugitive from justice by reason of a felony-29 conviction or charge or violation of a condition of probation or parole-30 imposed under federal or state law shall be eligible to receive public-31 assistance benefits in this state. Any recipient of public assistance who 32 fails to timely comply with monthly reporting requirements under criteria 33 and guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be 34 subject to a penalty established by the secretary by rules and regulations.

35 (i) If the applicant or recipient of temporary assistance for needy-36 families is a mother of the dependent child, as a condition of the mother's 37 eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families the mother shall-38 identify by name and, if known, by current address the father of the-39 dependent child except that the secretary may adopt by rules and-40 regulations exceptions to this requirement in cases of undue hardship. Any recipient of temporary assistance for needy families who fails to cooperate 41 42 with requirements relating to child support services under criteria and-43 guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be1 subject to a penalty established by the secretary.

2 (k) By applying for or receiving child care subsidy or food assistance, 3 the applicant or recipient shall be deemed to have assigned, pursuant to 4 K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments thereto, to the secretary on behalf of the 5 state only accrued, present or future rights to support from any other 6 person such applicant may have in such person's own behalf or in behalf of 7 any other family member for whom the applicant is applying for or-8 receiving aid. The assignment of support rights shall automatically become 9 effective upon the date of approval for or receipt of such aid without the 10 requirement that any document be signed by the applicant or recipient. By applying for or receiving child care subsidy or food assistance, the-11 12 applicant or recipient is also deemed to have appointed the secretary, or the 13 secretary's designee, as an attorney in fact to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, cheeks, money orders or other-14 15 negotiable instruments representing support payments received by the 16 secretary in behalf of any person applying for, receiving or havingreceived such assistance. This limited power of attorney shall be effective 17 18 from the date the secretary approves the application for aid and shall-19 remain in effect until the assignment of support rights has been terminated 20 in full. An applicant or recipient who has assigned support rights to the 21 secretary pursuant to this subsection shall cooperate in establishing and 22 enforcing support obligations to the same extent required of applicants for 23 or recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

24 (1) (1) A program of drug screening for applicants for cash assistance 25 as a condition of eligibility for eash assistance and persons receiving eash 26 assistance as a condition of continued receipt of eash assistance shall be 27 established, subject to applicable federal law, by the secretary for children 28 and families on and before January 1, 2014. Under such program of drug-29 screening, the sceretary for children and families shall order a drug-30 screening of an applicant for or a recipient of cash assistance at any time 31 when reasonable suspicion exists that such applicant for or recipient of 32 eash assistance is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled 33 substance analog. The secretary for children and families may use any-34 information obtained by the secretary for children and families to-35 determine whether such reasonable suspicion exists, including, but not 36 limited to, an applicant's or recipient's demeanor, missed appointments and 37 arrest or other police records, previous employment or application for 38 employment in an occupation or industry that regularly conducts drug-39 screening, termination from previous employment due to unlawful use of a 40 controlled substance or controlled substance analog or prior drug screening records of the applicant or recipient indicating unlawful use of a controlled 41 42 substance or controlled substance analog.

43 (2) Any applicant for or recipient of eash assistance whose drug-

screening results in a positive test may request that the drug screening-1 2 specimen be sent to a different drug testing facility for an additional drug 3 screening. Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who requests 4 an additional drug screening at a different drug testing facility shall be 5 required to pay the cost of drug screening. Such applicant or recipient who 6 took the additional drug screening and who tested negative for unlawful-7 use of a controlled substance and controlled substance analog shall be 8 reimbursed for the cost of such additional drug screening.

9 (3) Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who tests-10 positive for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog shall be required to complete a substance abuse treatment program 11 12 approved by the secretary for children and families, secretary of labor or 13 secretary of commerce, and a job skills program approved by the secretary for children and families, secretary of labor or secretary of commerce. 14 15 Subject to applicable federal laws, any applicant for or recipient of cash 16 assistance who fails to complete or refuses to participate in the substance 17 abuse treatment program or job skills program as required under thissubsection shall be ineligible to receive cash assistance until completion of 18 19 such substance abuse treatment and job skills programs. Upon completion 20 of both substance abuse treatment and job skills programs, such applicant 21 for or recipient of cash assistance may be subject to periodic drug-22 screening, as determined by the secretary for children and families. Upon a 23 second positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or-24 controlled substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance shall be ordered 25 to complete again a substance abuse treatment program and job skills-26 program, and shall be terminated from eash assistance for a period of 12 27 months, or until such recipient of eash assistance completes both substance 28 abuse treatment and job skills programs, whichever is later. Upon a third positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled-29 30 substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance shall be terminated from 31 eash assistance, subject to applicable federal law.

32 (4) If an applicant for or recipient of eash assistance is ineligible for 33 or terminated from cash assistance as a result of a positive test for-34 unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, and 35 such applicant for or recipient of eash assistance is the parent or legal-36 guardian of a minor child, an appropriate protective payee shall be-37 designated to receive eash assistance on behalf of such child. Such parent 38 or legal guardian of the minor child may choose to designate an individual 39 to receive cash assistance for such parent's or legal guardian's minor child, 40 as approved by the secretary for children and families. Prior to thedesignated individual receiving any eash assistance, the secretary for-41 42 children and families shall review whether reasonable suspicion exists that 43 such designated individual is unlawfully using a controlled substance or

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1 controlled substance analog.

2 (A) In addition, any individual designated to receive cash assistance 3 on behalf of an eligible minor child shall be subject to drug screening at 4 any time when reasonable suspicion exists that such designated individual 5 is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 6 The secretary for children and families may use any information obtained 7 by the secretary for children and families to determine whether such-8 reasonable suspicion exists, including, but not limited to, the designated-9 individual's demeanor, missed appointments and arrest or other police-10 records, previous employment or application for employment in an-11 occupation or industry that regularly conducts drug screening, termination 12 from previous employment due to unlawful use of a controlled substance 13 or controlled substance analog or prior drug screening records of thedesignated individual indicating unlawful use of a controlled substance or 14 15 controlled substance analog.

16 (B) Any designated individual whose drug screening results in a 17 positive test may request that the drug screening specimen be sent to a 18 different drug testing facility for an additional drug screening. Any-19 designated individual who requests an additional drug screening at a 20 different drug testing facility shall be required to pay the cost of drug-21 screening. Such designated individual who took the additional drug-22 screening and who tested negative for unlawful use of a controlled-23 substance and controlled substance analog shall be reimbursed for the cost 24 of such additional drug screening.

(C) Upon any positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, the designated individual shall not receive cash assistance on behalf of the parent's or legal guardian's minor child, and another designated individual shall be selected by the secretary for children and families to receive cash assistance on behalf of such parent's or legal guardian's minor child.

31 (5) If a person has been convicted under federal or state law of any 32 offense that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction and has 33 as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, distribution, 34 possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, 35 and the date of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, such person shall 36 thereby become forever ineligible to receive any cash assistance under this 37 subsection unless such conviction is the person's first conviction. First-38 time offenders convicted under federal or state law of any offense that is 39 elassified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction and has as an element 40 of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, distribution, possession or-41 use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, and the date 42 of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, such person shall become-43 ineligible to receive cash assistance for five years from the date of 1 conviction.

2 (6) Except for hearings before the Kansas department for children and
 3 families, the results of any drug screening administered as part of the drug
 4 screening program authorized by this subsection shall be confidential and
 5 shall not be disclosed publicly.

6 (7) The secretary for children and families may adopt such rules and
 7 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

8 (8) Any authority granted to the secretary for children and families
 9 under this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalties preseribed
 10 by law.

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(9) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Cash assistance" means cash assistance provided to individuals
 under the provisions of article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes
 Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations adopted
 pursuant to such provisions.

(B) "Controlled substance" means the same as in K.S.A. 21-5701, and
 amendments thereto, and 21 U.S.C. § 802.

(C) "Controlled substance analog" means the same as in K.S.A. 21 5701, and amendments thereto.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 39-757 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-757. 21 (a) The secretary for children and families shall remit all moneys received 22 by or for the secretary from the enforcement of rights assigned to the 23 secretary under-subsection (b) of K.S.A. 39-709, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, 24 25 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury as follows: 26 27 (1) Amounts to be distributed pursuant to part D of title IV of the federal 28 social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., to the state shall be credited to 29 the title IV-D aid to families with dependent children fee fund, and all 30 expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with 31 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports 32 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or by a person or 33 persons designated by the secretary; and (2) amounts to be distributed pursuant to part D of title IV of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 34 35 651 et seq., to applicants for or recipients of aid under-subsection (b) of 36 K.S.A. 39-709, and amendments thereto, shall be credited to the title IV-D 37 aid to families with dependent children claims fund, and all expenditures 38 from such fund shall be made upon warrants of the director of accounts 39 and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or by a 40 person or persons designated by the secretary.

(b) The secretary for children and families shall remit all moneys
received by or for the secretary under K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments
thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.

1 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury as 2 follows: (1) Amounts to be distributed pursuant to part D of title IV of the 3 federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., to the state shall be 4 credited to the title IV-D fee fund, and all expenditures from such fund 5 6 shall be made in accordance with appropriate appropriations acts upon 7 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to 8 vouchers approved by the secretary or by a person or persons designated by the secretary; and (2) amounts to be distributed pursuant to part D of 9 title IV of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., to 10 persons who under K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments thereto, are eligible 11 12 for services specified in such section shall be credited to the title IV-D claims fund, and all expenditures from such fund shall be made upon 13 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to 14 15 vouchers approved by the secretary or by a person or persons designated 16 by the secretary.

(c) Money shall be deposited in the funds established by subsections
(a) and (b) of this section and shall be distributed from such funds in
accordance with the provisions of part D of title IV of the federal social
security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.

21 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 39-757 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 39-709 are hereby 22 repealed.

23 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 24 publication in the statute book.