

## STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HB 2319

- HB 2319 was introduced by the Committee on Appropriations.
- This bill relates to the state medical assistance program and concerns expansion of the program.
- The bill would on p. 5 delete language in lines 5 through 12 which is the current law and provides that medical assistance eligibility for receipts of benefits shall not be expanded as provided for in the federal patient protection and affordable care act “unless the legislature expressly consents to, and approves of, the expansion of Medicaid services by an act of the legislature.”
- The second change the bill makes is on p. 15, new subsection (c) at the bottom of the page, which directs the dept. of health and environment to develop a federal Medicaid waiver application for a budget-neutral managed care program to be known as KanCare 2.0 to provide access to health care coverage options of “newly eligible individuals.” “Newly eligible individuals” means otherwise eligible adults between 19 and 65 years of age with an income equal to or less than 138% of the federal poverty level with documentation required of citizenship and residency status.
- The bill would become effective on publication in the statute book (July 1, 2015)

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