



TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: David P. Setchel
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Setchel", written over the name "David P. Setchel".

DATE: March 18, 2015

RE: House Bill 2319 – Support

On behalf of St. Francis Health, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for House Bill 2319, which requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop a federal Medicaid waiver for a budget-neutral managed care program known as KanCare 2.0. KanCare 2.0 would provide access to healthcare coverage options for newly eligible individuals while employing personal responsibility through cost sharing and rewarding healthy outcomes and responsible health choices.

St. Francis Health was established in Topeka over 100 years ago by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and has maintained a mission of serving the poor and vulnerable ever since. We have grown to employ over 1,600 associates and continue to contribute to the local economy while serving as a public safety net hospital.

In 2014, St. Francis Health took care of eleven individuals without a means of payment whose individual charges exceeded \$100,000. Three of those patients had charges in excess of \$200,000. For these 11 patients alone, St. Francis was encumbered with more than \$1.6M of uncompensated care. We estimate that Medicaid expansion would reduce our Uncompensated Care burden at St. Francis from \$27.9M to \$18.6M in 2016.

It would be a failure of leadership if the legislature fails to somehow take advantage of the Federal funding available to provide healthcare to the citizens of Kansas who need it most.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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