

March 12, 2015

The Honorable Jeff Longbine, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Longbine:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 102 by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 102 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 102 would require any insurance carrier to provide coverage for abuse-deterrent opioid drugs and would require that the copay for the abuse-deterrent drug be no more than the copay for the lowest level applied to other drugs. The bill would also require that the abuse-deterrent drug be considered the first use opioid drug.

The Department of Health and Environment states that SB 102 would increase costs for the State Employee Health Plan and KanCare in the short term; however, in the long term KanCare expenditures for addiction services should be reduced. However, no information is available upon which to base an estimate. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 102 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Brad Ridley, Aging & Disability Services
Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance