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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 495**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public  
Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

SB 495, as amended, would eliminate medical assistance coverage for any elective delivery for a pregnant woman prior to 39 weeks of pregnancy under the Kansas program of medical assistance (KanCare) administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The bill would define “elective delivery” as a medical procedure or operation to deliver a living unborn child not medically indicated for the health of the pregnant woman or the unborn child.

**Background**

The bill, introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, was a recommendation contained in the *Kansas Statewide Efficiency Review*.

At the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare hearing, no proponent, opponent, or neutral testimony was offered on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to replace the term “elective procedure” with “elective delivery,” redefine the term, and clarify when medical assistance coverage would not be provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, states the *Kansas State Efficiency*

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

*Review* estimates a Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative could save the state approximately \$2.0 million in FY 2017 by eliminating medical assistance payments for early elective C-section births. [The bill represents part of the Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative recommendations.]

According to the fiscal note, KDHE states it has no way to accurately estimate the number of payments that would be affected by enactment of the bill because KDHE does not collect data through the KanCare program that would identify elective deliveries for beneficiaries. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.