

HB 2418  
Onsite Health Centers for State Employees

Mike Heckman  
Vice President of Population Health Services  
Cerner Corporation

At Cerner our vision is to move boundaries. Creating a culture that supports improving the health of a population requires a variety of strategic approaches and the involvement of multiple stakeholders including public/private employers, health systems and members/patients. Our employer and community services approach is designed to positively impact the determinants of health encompassing behavior, care delivery, environment, genetics through thought leadership, innovative technology and operational services. At the point of receiving care through an onsite health center the approach must be centered on an exceptional experience by knowing a given population, engaging each person and then to manage to an optimal outcome. We believe it is essential to help these members, the state employees, make every minute of the workday count and to keep health care costs as low and manageable as possible for the member and the state.

HB 2418 is a step forward in giving Kansas state employees easy, accessible health care. HB 2418 allows the state to design health centers to fit the needs of state employees. It provides services that include primary care, urgent care, behavioral health services and chiropractic services.

Research by Mercer, ModernHealthcare.com, and the National Association of Worksite Health Centers states:

- 85% of employers perceive onsite health centers as a success.
- 63% of employers say it had reduced lost work days
- 58% say onsite health centers have helped members control chronic conditions
- On average, the study found, that for every \$1 spent, organizations save a minimum of \$1.60

A study by Towers Watson states:

- 74% of employers using onsite health centers report reduced medical cost or health benefit spending.
- 66% of employers says they improved employee access to healthcare.
- 48% promoted screening and preventive health services at their health centers.

This is just a starting point. The State of Kansas can design an onsite employee health center to meet the specific needs of its employees.

Cerner supports HB 2148 and specifically supports:

- Any bid to provide onsite health service show the state an ROI or cost avoidance plan.
- Performance guarantees that insure the state is truly improving the quality and cost of care.
- state employees have access to a patient portal that gives them full access to their personal health data.
- Any vendor who provides services give an annual report to the state showing the outcomes of the health center.
- A health center shall align with the state employee health benefits plan.

Cerner believes HB 2418 is good policy. It provides a path to health reform that improves quality and care while at the same time seeking improved outcomes around cost. We believe in the person, member and patient first and believe this legislation aligns with that belief.