

2021 Kansas Statutes

65-4a01. Definitions. As used in K.S.A. 65-4a01 through 65-4a12, and amendments thereto:

- (a) "Abortion" means the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance or device to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with an intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth, or to remove a dead unborn child who died as the result of natural causes in utero, accidental trauma or a criminal assault on the pregnant woman or her unborn child, and which causes the premature termination of the pregnancy.
- (b) "Ambulatory surgical center" means an ambulatory surgical center as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.
- (c) "Bodily function" means physical functions only. The term "bodily function" does not include mental or emotional functions.
- (d) "Clinic" means any facility, other than a hospital or ambulatory surgical center, in which any second or third trimester, or five or more first trimester abortions are performed in a month.
- (e) "Department" means the department of health and environment.
- (f) "Elective abortion" means an abortion for any reason other than to prevent the death of the mother upon whom the abortion is performed; provided, that an abortion may not be deemed one to prevent the death of the mother based on a claim or diagnosis that she will engage in conduct which would result in her death.
- (g) "Facility" means any clinic, hospital or ambulatory surgical center, in which any second or third trimester elective abortion, or five or more first trimester elective abortions are performed in a month, excluding any abortion performed due to a medical emergency.
- (h) "Gestational age" has the same meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 65-6701, and amendments thereto, and shall be determined pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6703, and amendments thereto.
- (i) "Hospital" means a hospital as defined in subsection (a) or (b) of K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.
- (j) "Medical emergency" means a condition that, in a reasonable medical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of the pregnant woman as to necessitate the immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death, or for which a delay necessary to comply with the applicable statutory requirements will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function. No condition shall be deemed a medical emergency if based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman will engage in conduct which would result in her death or in substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.
- (k) "Physician" has the same meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 65-6701, and amendments thereto.
- (l) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health and environment.

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