

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2578

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2578 would amend law regarding the certification of Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs).

Certification

The bill would require that only Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) licensed by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and that provide certain services could be certified as CCBHCs in Kansas. Current law requires KDADS certification of any licensed CMHC that provides certain services.

The bill would also require KDADS to adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the certification process.

Certification Renewal

The bill would specify that programs and treatments provided by a CCBHC may be granted a certification renewal if such programs and treatments have been:

- Previously certified by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services (Secretary); and

*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>

- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission, or another national accrediting body approved by the Secretary.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Buehler on behalf of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, COMCARE, Four County Mental Health Center, The Guidance Center, and Johnson County Mental Health Center. Proponents generally stated support for the CCBHC model of care and streamlining of the recertification process.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of KDADS.

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Behavioral Health Association of Kansas, Community Care Network of Kansas, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, and CKF Addiction Treatment, who generally stated concern with limiting new CCBHC certifications only to CMHCs and a desire to increase patient access to the model.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by DCCCA, Greeley County Health Services, Health Ministries Clinic Community Health Center, Heartland Community Health Center, Kansas Association of School Boards, and KVC Kansas.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDADS indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations as it is currently developing and drafting rules and regulations. KDADS has a process for publication, review, and certification and does not recognize any accreditations for option of certification renewal.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics; Community Mental Health Centers; certification; mental health treatment facilities