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The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 45 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 45 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 45 would change the current household income eligibility requirement for the Kansas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 250.0 percent of the 2008 federal poverty level to 250.0 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines.

The bill would also remove the current eight month waiting period requirement from the program for newly enrolled participants with a family income over 200.0 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines that previously had comprehensive health benefit coverage through another policy.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of SB 45 would not result in any additional expenditures in FY 2023 or FY 2024 as the agency has already implemented this change in accordance with a budget proviso passed in the 2022 Legislative Session. The bill would bring the statute in line with current practice and the agency does not anticipate a fiscal effect. Program expenditures for the CHIP program included in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report* include eligibility of up to 250.0 percent of the current federal poverty income guidelines.

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