

SENATE BILL No. 292

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT relating to the state health care benefits system; concerning eligibility for participation therein; amending K.S.A. 75-6501 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-6501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6501. (a) Within the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriation acts relating thereto, the Kansas state employees health care commission shall develop and provide for the implementation and administration of a state health care benefits program.

(b) The state health care benefits program may provide benefits for persons qualified to participate in the program for hospitalization, medical services, surgical services, nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance with a religious method of healing and other health services. The program may include such provisions as are established by the Kansas state employees health care commission, including but not limited to qualifications for benefits, services covered, schedules and graduation of benefits, conversion privileges, deductible amounts, limitations on eligibility for benefits by reason of termination of employment or other change of status, leaves of absence, military service or other interruptions in service and other reasonable provisions as may be established by the commission.

(c) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall designate by rules and regulations those persons who are qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, including active and retired public officers and employees and their dependents as defined by rules and regulations of the commission. In designating persons qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, the commission may establish such conditions, restrictions, limitations and exclusions as the commission deems reasonable. *On and after July 1, 2001, employees of an area agency on aging, as defined in K.A.R. 26-1-1 and amendments thereto, and their dependents shall be qualified for participation in the system.* Each person who was formerly elected or appointed and qualified to an elective state office and who was covered immediately preceding

1 the date such person ceased to hold such office by the provisions of group
2 health insurance or a health maintenance organization plan under the law
3 in effect prior to August 1, 1984, or the state health care benefits program
4 in effect after that date, shall continue to be qualified to participate in
5 the state health care benefits program and shall pay the cost of partici-
6 pation in the program as established and in accordance with the proce-
7 dures prescribed by the commission if such person chooses to participate
8 therein.

9 (d) The state health care benefits program established under this act
10 shall be effective on and after August 1, 1984.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-6501 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.

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