

Veto Message from the Governor

HB 2176

Health care facilities should be safe, clean and appropriate for the best medical care possible in every circumstance and for every medical procedure. Kansans experience and appreciate some of the highest standards for medical care in the country. Standards for health care facilities in Kansas have been developed by physicians and medical personnel. The health care facilities addressed in this bill are already subject to those high standards. I have long fought to make sure that doctors and patients, not insurance companies and not the Kansas Legislature, make decisions regarding an individual's health care procedures. For these same reasons I veto H.B. 2176, in which the legislature, instead of physicians and medical personnel, would regulate health care procedures.

SIGNED

April 21, 2003

Kathleen Sebelius

Governor