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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Insurance
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 15, 2023
Subject: Bill Brief, HB 2325

HB 2325 codifies the budget proviso from 2022 that added "maternity center" to the definition of "healthcare provider" for purposes of the Healthcare Insurance Provider Availability Act.

In the budget proviso, a "maternity center" would be deemed a "healthcare provider" if (1) The maternity center was granted accreditation by a national organization recognized by the board of governors (of the Healthcare Stabilization Fund) and whose accreditation standards are approved by the board; or (2) if the maternity center is a maternity center as defined in K.S.A. 65-503, and amendments thereto.

The bill would permanently codify the addition of "maternity center" to the definition of "healthcare provider," in K.S.A. 40-3401, but slightly amends the language stating "if such maternity center has been granted accreditation by the commission for accreditation of birth centers..."

The bill also makes some much-needed edits to the definition for clarification and readability.