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The Honorable Jeff Longbine, Chairperson Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Longbine:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 17 by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 17 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a person who holds a certificate of registration for a prepaid legal or dental service plan issued by the Insurance Commissioner makes an application for certificate on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and pays a filing fee of \$100. SB 17 would additionally require a list of individuals who solicit memberships on behalf of the prepaid service plan. SB 17 would also no longer require registered individuals who solicit memberships to pay an annual continuation fee of \$2.00.

Under current law, for the certificate of registration to be continued, the Commissioner must be notified along with a \$50 annual continuation fee. SB 17 would additionally require the Commissioner be advised of any additions or deletions since the last reporting date of individuals who solicit memberships. The bill would change the date in which a certificate of registration would not be issued to or continued for a prepaid service plan from the effective date of the creation of KSA 40-4201 et seq. to July 1, 2023.

The Kansas Insurance Department indicates that enactment of SB 17 would reduce revenues into its Insurance Department Service Regulation Fund because the bill would no longer require individuals to pay an annual fee of \$2.00 to solicit memberships. Therefore, the agency estimates the reduction would be approximately \$128 per year starting in FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 17 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Bobbi Mariani, Insurance Department