

40-3414. Qualification of health care provider or system as self-insurer; cancellation of certificate of self-insurance, grounds; payment of surcharge; Kansas soldiers' home, Kansas veterans' home and persons engaged in residency training and persons engaged in a postgraduate training program as self-insurers; health maintenance organizations and related groups; private practice foundations and faculty of university of Kansas medical center.

(a) Any health care provider, or any health care system organized and existing under the laws of this state which owns and operates two or more medical care facilities licensed by the state of Kansas, whose aggregate annual insurance premium is or would be \$100,000 or more for basic coverage calculated in accordance with rating procedures approved by the commissioner pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3413, and amendments thereto, may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the board of governors. Upon application of any such health care provider or health care system, on a form prescribed by the board of governors, the board of governors may issue a certificate of self-insurance if the board of governors is satisfied that the applicant is possessed and will continue to be possessed of ability to pay any judgment for which liability exists equal to the amount of basic coverage required of a health care provider obtained against such applicant arising from the applicant's rendering of professional services as a health care provider. In making such determination the board of governors shall consider (1) the financial condition of the applicant, (2) the procedures adopted and followed by the applicant to process and handle claims and potential claims, (3) the amount and liquidity of assets reserved for the settlement of claims or potential claims and (4) any other relevant factors. The certificate of self-insurance may contain reasonable conditions prescribed by the board of governors. Upon notice and a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the board of governors may cancel a certificate of self-insurance upon reasonable grounds therefor. Failure to pay any judgment for which the self-insurer is liable arising from the self-insurer's rendering of professional services as a health care provider, the failure to comply with any provision of this act or the failure to comply with any conditions contained in the certificate of self-insurance shall be reasonable grounds for the cancellation of such certificate of self-insurance. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the Kansas soldiers' home, the Kansas veterans' home or to any person who is a self-insurer pursuant to subsection (d) or (e).

(b) Any such health care provider or health care system that holds a certificate of self-insurance shall pay the applicable surcharge set forth in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto.

(c) The Kansas soldiers' home and the Kansas veterans' home shall be self-insurers and shall pay the applicable surcharge set forth in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto.

(d) Persons engaged in residency training as provided in subsections (r)(1) and (2) of K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto, shall be self-insured by the state of Kansas for occurrences arising during such training, and such person shall be deemed a self-insurer for the purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act. Such self-insurance shall be applicable to a person engaged in residency training only when such person is engaged in medical activities which do not include extracurricular, extra-institutional medical service for which such person receives extra compensation and which have not been approved as provided in subsections (r)(1) and (2) of K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto.

(e) (1) A person engaged in a postgraduate training program approved by the state board of healing arts at a medical care facility or mental health center in this state may be self-insured by such medical care facility or mental health center in accordance with this subsection (e) and in accordance with such terms and conditions of eligibility therefor as may be specified by the medical care facility or mental health center and approved by the board of governors. A person self-insured under this subsection (e) by a medical care facility or mental health center shall be deemed a self-insurer for purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act. Upon application by a medical care facility or mental health center, on a form prescribed by the board of governors, the board of governors may authorize such medical care facility or mental health center to self-insure persons engaged in postgraduate training programs approved by the state board of healing arts at such medical care facility or mental health center if the board of governors is satisfied that the medical care facility or mental health center is possessed and will continue to be possessed of ability to pay any judgment for which liability exists equal to the amount of basic coverage required of a health care provider obtained against a person engaged in such a postgraduate training program and arising from such person's rendering of or failure to render professional services as a health care provider.

(2) In making such determination the board of governors shall consider: (A) The financial condition of the medical care facility or mental health center; (B) the procedures adopted by the medical care facility or mental health center to process and handle claims and potential claims; (C) the amount and liquidity of assets reserved for the settlement of claims or potential claims by the medical care facility or mental health center; and (D) any other factors the board of governors deems relevant. The board of governors may specify such conditions for the approval of an application as the board of governors deems necessary. Upon approval of an application, the board of governors shall issue a certificate of self-insurance to each person engaged in such postgraduate training program at the medical care facility or mental health center who is self-insured by such medical care facility or mental health center.

(3) Upon notice and a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the board of governors may cancel, upon reasonable grounds therefor, a certificate of self-insurance issued pursuant to this subsection (e) or the authority of a medical care facility or mental health center to self-insure persons engaged in such postgraduate training programs at the medical care facility or mental health center. Failure of a person engaged in such postgraduate training program to comply with the terms and conditions of eligibility to be self-insured by the medical care facility or mental health center, the failure of a medical care facility or mental health center to pay any judgment for which such medical care facility or mental health center is liable as self-insurer of such person, the failure to comply with any provisions of the health care provider insurance availability act or the failure to comply with any conditions for approval of the application or any conditions contained in the certificate of self-insurance shall be reasonable grounds for cancellation of such certificate of self-insurance or the authority of a medical care facility or mental health center to self-insure such persons.

(4) A medical care facility or mental health center authorized to self-insure persons engaged in such postgraduate training programs shall pay the applicable surcharge set forth in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto, on behalf of such persons.

(5) As used in this subsection (e), "medical care facility" does not include the university of Kansas medical center or those community hospitals or medical care facilities described in subsection (r)(2) of K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto.

(f) For the purposes of subsection (a), "health care provider" may include each health care provider in any group of health care providers who practice as a group to provide physician services only for a health maintenance organization, any professional corporations, partnerships or not-for-profit corporations formed by such group and the health maintenance organization itself. The premiums for each such provider, health maintenance organization and group corporation or partnership may be aggregated for the purpose of being eligible for and subject to the statutory requirements for self-insurance as set forth in this section.

(g) The provisions of subsections (a) and (f), relating to health care systems, shall not affect the responsibility of individual health care providers as defined in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto, or organizations whose premiums are aggregated for purposes of being eligible for self-insurance from individually meeting the requirements imposed by K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments thereto, with respect to the ability to respond to injury or damages to the extent specified therein and K.S.A. 40-3404, and amendments thereto, with respect to the payment of the health care stabilization fund surcharge.

(h) Each private practice corporation or foundation and their full-time physician faculty employed by the university of Kansas medical center and each nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall be deemed a self-insurer for the purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act. The private practice corporation or foundation of which the full-time physician faculty is a member and each nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall pay the applicable surcharge set forth in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 40-3404, and amendments thereto, on behalf of the private practice corporation or foundation and their full-time physician faculty employed by the university of Kansas medical center or on behalf of a nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine.

(i) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), for the purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act, each nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall be deemed to have been a health care provider as defined in K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments thereto, from and after July 1, 1997.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), for the purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act, each nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall be deemed to have been a self-insurer within the meaning of subsection (h) of this section, and amendments thereto, from and after July 1, 1997.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), for the purposes of the health care provider insurance availability act, the election of fund coverage limits for each nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall be deemed to have been effective at the highest option, as provided in subsection (l) of K.S.A. 40-3403, and amendments thereto, from and after July 1, 1997.

(4) No nonprofit corporation organized to administer the graduate medical education programs of community hospitals or medical care facilities affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine shall be required to pay to the fund any annual premium surcharge for any period prior to the effective date of this act. Any annual premium surcharge for the period commencing on the effective date of this act and ending on June 30, 2001, shall be prorated.

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