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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Johnson and members of the House Committee on Insurance and Pensions

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 10, 2021

Subject: **HB 2129-Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program.**

House Bill No. 2129 would require the state health care benefits program to implement coverage for tobacco cessation benefits, beginning in plan year 2022.

Tobacco cessation benefits provided under the state health care benefits program would include coverage for: (1) At least four 90-day medication-supported tobacco cessation treatment attempts per year; (2) individual or group counseling, including telephonic counseling for tobacco cessation provided by any provider with education and counseling within the provider's scope of practice; and (3) combination pharmacotherapy for tobacco cessation. Such tobacco cessation benefits provided under the state health care benefits program shall be provided with no lifetime limit, prior authorization requirements or cost-sharing requirements.

On or before March 1, 2023, the Kansas state employees health care commission shall be required to submit a report regarding the coverage required under this section, in the manner and containing the information required by K.S.A. 40-2249a, and amendments thereto. Such report shall be submitted to the president of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate standing committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance or any successor committee and the House of Representatives standing committee on Insurance and Pensions or any successor committee.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book.