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SENATE BILL No. 469

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AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to food assistance;
 removing certain limitations for food assistance eligibility; permitting
 certain persons convicted of a felony to be eligible for food assistance;
 amending K.S.A. 39-709 and repealing the existing section.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 39-709 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39709. (a) *General eligibility requirements for assistance for which federal moneys are expended*. Subject to the additional requirements below,
assistance in accordance with plans under which federal moneys are
expended may be granted to any needy person who:

12 (1) Has insufficient income or resources to provide a reasonable 13 subsistence compatible with decency and health. Where a husband and wife or cohabiting partners are living together, the combined income or 14 resources of both shall be considered in determining the eligibility of 15 16 either or both for such assistance unless otherwise prohibited by law. The secretary, in determining need of any applicant for or recipient of 17 18 assistance shall not take into account the financial responsibility of any 19 individual for any applicant or recipient of assistance unless such applicant 20 or recipient is such individual's spouse, cohabiting partner or such 21 individual's minor child or minor stepchild if the stepchild is living with 22 such individual. The secretary in determining need of an individual may 23 provide such income and resource exemptions as may be permitted by 24 federal law. For purposes of eligibility for temporary assistance for needy 25 families, for food assistance and for any other assistance provided through 26 the Kansas department for children and families under which federal 27 moneys are expended, the secretary for children and families shall 28 consider one motor vehicle owned by the applicant for assistance, 29 regardless of the value of such vehicle, as exempt personal property and 30 shall consider any equity in any boat, personal water craft, recreational 31 vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle or all-terrain vehicle, as defined 32 by K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, or any additional motor vehicle 33 owned by the applicant for assistance to be a nonexempt resource of the 34 applicant for assistance except that any additional motor vehicle used by 35 the applicant, the applicant's spouse or the applicant's cohabiting partner 36 for the primary purpose of earning income may be considered as exempt 1 personal property in the secretary's discretion.

(2) Is a citizen of the United States or is an alien lawfully admitted to
 3 the United States and who is residing in the state of Kansas.

4 (b) Temporary assistance for needy families. Assistance may be 5 granted under this act to any dependent child, or relative, subject to the 6 general eligibility requirements as set out in subsection (a), who resides in 7 the state of Kansas or whose parent or other relative with whom the child 8 is living resides in the state of Kansas. Such assistance shall be known as 9 temporary assistance for needy families. Where the husband and wife or cohabiting partners are living together, both shall register for work under 10 the program requirements for temporary assistance for needy families in 11 12 accordance with criteria and guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations 13 of the secretary.

14 (1) As used in this subsection, "family group" or "household" means 15 the applicant or recipient for TANF, child care subsidy or employment 16 services and all individuals living together in which there is a relationship 17 of legal responsibility or a qualifying caretaker relationship. This will 18 include a cohabiting boyfriend or girlfriend living with the person legally 19 responsible for the child. The family group shall not be eligible for TANF 20 if the family group contains at least one adult member who has received 21 TANF, including the federal TANF assistance received in any other state, 22 for 24 calendar months beginning on and after October 1, 1996, unless the 23 secretary determines a hardship exists and grants an extension allowing 24 receipt of TANF until the 36-month limit is reached. No extension beyond 25 36 months shall be granted. Hardship provisions for a recipient include:

26 (A) Is a caretaker of a disabled family member living in the 27 household;

(B) has a disability which that precludes employment on a long-term
basis or requires substantial rehabilitation;

30 (C) needs a time limit extension to overcome the effects of domestic
 31 violence/sexual assault;

32 (D) is involved with prevention and protection services (PPS) and has33 an open social service plan; or

(E) is determined by the 24th month to have an extreme hardship other
than what is designated in criteria listed in subparagraphs (A) through (D).
This determination will be made by the executive review team.

(2) All adults applying for TANF shall be required to complete a
work program assessment as specified by the Kansas department for
children and families, including those who have been disqualified for or
denied TANF due to non-cooperation, drug testing requirements or fraud.
Adults who are not otherwise eligible for TANF, such as ineligible aliens,
relative/non-relative caretakers and adults receiving supplemental security
income are not required to complete the assessment process. During the

1 application processing period, applicants must complete at least one 2 module or its equivalent of the work program assessment to be considered 3 eligible for TANF benefits, unless good cause is found to be exempt from 4 the requirements. Good cause exemptions shall only include *that the* 5 *applicant*:

6 (A) The applicant Can document an existing certification verifying 7 completion of the work program assessment;

8 (B) the applicant has a valid offer of employment or is employed a 9 minimum of 20 hours a week;

10 (C) the applicant is a parenting teen without a GED or high school 11 diploma;

12 13 (D) the applicant is enrolled in job corps;

(E) the applicant is working with a refugee social services agency; or

14 (F) the applicant has completed the work program assessment within 15 the last 12 months.

16 (3) The *Kansas* department for children and families shall maintain a 17 sufficient level of dedicated work program staff to enable the agency to 18 conduct work program case management services to TANF recipients in a 19 timely manner and in full accordance with state law and agency policy.

20 (4) (*A*) TANF mandatory work program applicants and recipients 21 shall participate in work components that lead to competitive, integrated 22 employment. Components are defined by the federal government as being 23 either primary or secondary.

24 (B) In order to meet federal work participation requirements, 25 households need to meet at least 30 hours of participation per week, at least 20 hours of which need to be primary and at least 10 hours may be 26 27 secondary components in one parent households where the youngest child 28 is six years of age or older. Participation hours shall be 55 hours in two 29 parent households-(, 35 hours per week if child care is not used). The maximum assignment is 40 hours per week per individual. For two parent 30 31 families to meet the federal work participation rate both parents must 32 participate in a combined total of 55 hours per week, 50 hours of which 33 must be in primary components, or one or both parents could be assigned a combined total of 35 hours per week-(, 30 hours of which must be primary 34 35 components), if the Kansas department for children and families paid child 36 care is not received by the family. Single parent families with a child under 37 age six meet the federal participation requirement if the parent is engaged 38 in work or work activities for at least 20 hours per week in a primary work 39 component.

40 *(C)* The following components meet federal definitions of primary 41 hours of participation: Full or part-time employment, apprenticeship, work 42 study, self-employment, job corps, subsidized employment, work 43 experience sites, on-the-job training, supervised community service, vocational education, job search and job readiness. Secondary components
 include: Job skills training, education directly related to employment such
 as adult basic education and English as a second language, and completion
 of a high school diploma or GED.

5 (5) A parent or other adult caretaker personally providing care for a 6 child under the age of three months in their TANF household is exempt 7 from work participation activities until the month the child turns three 8 months of age. Such three-month limitation shall not apply to a parent or 9 other adult caretaker who is personally providing care for a child born significantly premature, with serious medical conditions or with a 10 disability as defined by the secretary, in consultation with the secretary of 11 12 health and environment, and adopted in the rules and regulations. The three-month period is defined as two consecutive months starting with the 13 14 month after childbirth. The exemption for caring for a child under three 15 months cannot be claimed by:

16 (A) By-Either parent when two parents are in the home and the 17 household meets the two-parent definition for federal reporting purposes;

(B) by one parent or caretaker when the other parent or caretaker is in
 the home, and available, capable and suitable to provide care and the
 household does not meet the two-parent definition for federal reporting
 purposes;

(C) by a person age 19 or younger when such person is pregnant or a
 parent of a child in the home and the person does not possess a high school
 diploma or its equivalent. Such person shall become exempt the month
 such person turns age 20; or

26 (D) by any person assigned to a work participation activity for 27 substance use disorders.

(6) TANF work experience placements shall be reviewed after 90
days and are limited to six months per 24-month lifetime limit. A client's
progress shall be reviewed prior to each new placement regardless of the
length of time they are at the work experience site.

32 (7) TANF participants with disabilities shall engage in required 33 employment activities to the maximum extent consistent with their 34 abilities. TANF participants shall provide current documentation by a 35 qualified medical practitioner that details the abilities to engage in 36 employment and any limitations in work activities along with the expected 37 duration of such limitations. Disability is defined as a physical or mental 38 impairment constituting or resulting in a substantial impediment to 39 employment for such individual.

40 (8) Non-cooperation is the failure of the applicant or recipient to 41 comply with all requirements provided in state and federal law, federal and 42 state rules and regulations and agency policy. The period of ineligibility 43 for TANF benefits based on non-cooperation, *as defined in K.S.A. 39-702*, 1 and amendments thereto, with work programs shall be as follows, for a:

2 (A) For a First penalty, three months and full cooperation with work 3 program activities;

4 (B) for a second penalty, six months and full cooperation with work 5 program activities;

6 (C) for a third penalty, one year and full cooperation with work 7 program activities; and

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(D) for a fourth or subsequent penalty, 10 years.

9 (9) Individuals that have not cooperated with TANF work programs 10 shall be ineligible to participate in the food assistance program. The 11 comparable penalty shall be applied to only the individual in the food 12 assistance program who failed to comply with the TANF work 13 requirement. The agency shall impose the same penalty to the member of 14 the household who failed to comply with TANF requirements. The penalty 15 periods are three months, six months, one year, or 10 years.

16 (10) Non-cooperation is the failure of the applicant or recipient to 17 comply with all requirements provided in state and federal law, federal and 18 state rules and regulations and agency policy. The period of ineligibility 19 for child care subsidy or TANF benefits based on parents' non-20 cooperation, *as defined in K.S.A. 39-702, and amendments thereto*, with 21 child support services shall be as follows, *for a*:

(A) For the First penalty, three months and cooperation with child
 support services prior to regaining eligibility;

(B) for a second penalty, six months and cooperation with child
 support services prior to regaining eligibility;

(C) for a third penalty, one year and cooperation with child support
 services prior to regaining eligibility; and

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(D) for a fourth penalty, 10 years.

(11) Individuals that have not cooperated without good cause with child support services shall be ineligible to participate in the food assistance program. The period of disqualification ends once it has been determined that such individual is cooperating with child support services.

33 (12) (A) Any individual who is found to have committed fraud or is 34 found guilty of the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, and amendments 35 36 thereto, in either the TANF or child care program shall render all adults in 37 the family unit ineligible for TANF assistance. Adults in the household 38 who were determined to have committed fraud or were convicted of the 39 crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and amendments thereto, and 40 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, and amendments thereto, shall render themselves and all adult household members ineligible for their lifetime 41 for TANF, even if fraud was committed in only one program. Households 42 43 who have been determined to have committed fraud or were convicted of

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the crime of theft pursuant to K.S.A. 39-720, and amendments thereto, and
 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, and amendments thereto, shall be required to
 name a protective payee as approved by the secretary or the secretary's
 designee to administer TANF benefits or food assistance on behalf of the
 children. No adult in a household may have access to the TANF cash
 assistance benefit.

7 (B) Any individual that has failed to cooperate with a fraud 8 investigation shall be ineligible to participate in the TANF cash assistance 9 program and the child care subsidy program until the Kansas department for children and families determines that such individual is cooperating 10 with the fraud investigation. The Kansas department for children and 11 families shall maintain a sufficient level of fraud investigative staff to 12 enable the department to conduct fraud investigations in a timely manner 13 and in full accordance with state law and department rules and regulations 14 15 or policies.

16 (13) (A) Food assistance shall not be provided to any person-17 convicted of a felony offense occurring on or after July 1, 2015, which-18 includes as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation, 19 distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled 20 substance analog. For food assistance, the individual shall be permanently 21 disqualified if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony offense 22 occurring on or after July 1, 2015, involving possession or use of a 23 controlled substance or controlled substance analog.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), an individual shall be eligible for food assistance if the individual enrolls in
 and participates in a drug treatment program approved by the secretary,
 submits to and passes a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if
 requested by the department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

An individual's failure to submit to testing or failure to successfullypass a drug test shall result in ineligibility for food assistance until a drug test is successfully passed. Failure to successfully complete a drugtreatment program shall result in ineligibility for food assistance until a drug treatment plan approved by the secretary is successfully completed, the individual passes a drug test and agrees to submit to drug testing if requested by the department pursuant to a drug testing plan.

36 (C) The provisions of subparagraph (B) shall not apply to any 37 individual who has been convicted for a second or subsequent felony-38 offense as provided in subparagraph (A) A person shall not be denied 39 food assistance solely because such person has been convicted of a drugrelated felony. The secretary for children and families shall submit to the 40 federal government any approval request required to implement the 41 provisions of this paragraph. 42 43 (14) No TANF cash assistance shall be used to purchase alcohol,

cigarettes, tobacco products, lottery tickets, concert tickets, professional or 1 2 collegiate sporting event tickets or tickets for other entertainment events 3 intended for the general public or sexually oriented adult materials. No 4 TANF cash assistance shall be used in any retail liquor store, casino, 5 gaming establishment, jewelry store, tattoo parlor, massage parlor, body 6 piercing parlor, spa, nail salon, lingerie shop, tobacco paraphernalia store, 7 vapor cigarette store, psychic or fortune telling business, bail bond 8 company, video arcade, movie theater, swimming pool, cruise ship, theme 9 park, dog or horse racing facility, parimutuel facility, or sexually oriented 10 business or any retail establishment-which that provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed 11 12 state for entertainment, or in any business or retail establishment where minors under age 18 are not permitted. No TANF cash assistance shall be 13 14 used for purchases at points of sale outside the state of Kansas.

15 (15) (A) The secretary for children and families shall place a 16 photograph of the recipient, if agreed to by such recipient of public 17 assistance, on any Kansas benefits card issued by the Kansas department 18 for children and families that the recipient uses in obtaining food, cash or 19 any other services. When a recipient of public assistance is a minor or otherwise incapacitated individual, a parent or legal guardian of such 20 21 recipient may have a photograph of such parent or legal guardian placed 22 on the card.

(B) Any Kansas benefits card with a photograph of a recipient shall
 be valid for voting purposes as a public assistance identification card in
 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments
 thereto.

(C) As used in this paragraph and its subparagraphs, "Kansas benefits
card" means any card issued to provide food assistance, cash assistance or
child care assistance, including, but not limited to, the vision card, EBT
card and Kansas benefits card.

(D) The Kansas department for children and families shall monitor all recipient requests for a Kansas benefits card replacement and, upon the fourth such request in a 12-month period, send a notice alerting the recipient that the recipient's account is being monitored for potential suspicious activity. If a recipient makes an additional request for replacement subsequent to such notice, the department shall refer the investigation to the department's fraud investigation unit.

38 (16) The secretary for children and families shall adopt rules and39 regulations *for*:

40 (A) In-Determining eligibility for the child care subsidy program, 41 including an income of a cohabiting partner in a child care household; and

42 (B) in-determining and maintaining eligibility for non-TANF child 43 care, requiring that all included adults shall be employed a minimum of 20 hours per week or more as defined by the secretary or meet the following
 specific qualifying exemptions:

3 (i) Adults who are not capable of meeting the requirement due to a 4 documented physical or mental condition;

5 (ii) adults who are former TANF recipients who need child care for 6 employment after their TANF case has closed and earned income is a 7 factor in the closure in the two months immediately following TANF 8 closure;

9 (iii) adult parents included in a case in which the only child receiving 10 benefits is the child of a minor parent who is working on completion of 11 high school or obtaining a GED;

(iv) adults who are participants in a food assistance employment andtraining program;

(v) adults who are participants in an early head start child care
 partnership program and are working or in school or training; or

(vi) adults who are caretakers of a child in custody of the secretary inout-of-home placement needing child care.

18 The Kansas department for children and families shall provide child 19 care for the pursuit of any degree or certification if the occupation has at 20 least an average job outlook listed in the occupational outlook of the U.S. 21 United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics. For 22 occupations with less than an average job outlook, educational plans shall 23 require approval of the secretary or secretary's designee. Child care may 24 also be approved if the student provides verification of a specific job offer 25 that will be available to such student upon completion of the program. Child care for post-secondary education shall be allowed for a lifetime 26 27 maximum of 24 months per adult. The 24 months may not have to be 28 consecutive. Students shall be engaged in paid employment for a minimum 29 of 15 hours per week. In a two-parent adult household, child care would 30 not be allowed if both parents are adults and attending a formal education 31 or training program at the same time. The household may choose which 32 one of the parents is participating as a post-secondary student. The other parent shall meet another approvable criteria for child care subsidy. 33

34 (17) (A) The secretary for children and families is prohibited from 35 requesting or implementing a waiver or program from the U.S. United 36 States department of agriculture for the time limited assistance provisions 37 for able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents in a 38 household under the food assistance program. The time on food assistance 39 for able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents in the 40 household shall be limited to three months in a 36-month period if such adults are not meeting the requirements imposed by the U.S. department of 41 agriculture that they must work for at least 20 hours per week or 42 43 participate in a federally approved work program or its equivalent.

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1 (B) Each food assistance household member who is not otherwise 2 exempt from the following work requirements shall: Register for work; 3 participate in an employment and training program, if assigned to such a 4 program by the department; accept a suitable employment offer; and not 5 voluntarily quit a job of at least 30 hours per week.

6 (C) Any recipient who has not complied with the work requirements 7 under subparagraph (B) shall be ineligible to participate in the food 8 assistance program for the following time period and until the recipient 9 complies with such work requirements *for a*:

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(i) For a First penalty, three months;

11 12 (ii) for a second penalty, six months; and
 (iii) for a third penalty and any subsequent penalty, one year.

(18) Eligibility for the food assistance program shall be limited to 13 those individuals who are citizens or who meet qualified non-citizen status 14 15 as determined by U.S. department of agriculture. Non-citizen individuals 16 who are unable or unwilling to provide qualifying immigrant documentation, as defined by the U.S. United States department of 17 18 agriculture, residing within a household shall not be included when 19 determining the household's size for the purposes of assigning a benefit 20 level to the household for food assistance or comparing the household's 21 monthly income with the income eligibility standards. The gross non-22 exempt earned and unearned income and resources of disgualified 23 individuals shall be counted in its entirety as available to the remaining 24 household members.

(19) The secretary for children and families shall not enact the state
option from the U.S. United States department of agriculture for broadbased categorical eligibility for households applying for food assistance
according to the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 273.2(j)(2)(ii).

(20) No federal or state funds shall be used for television, radio or
billboard advertisements that are designed to promote food assistance
benefits and enrollment. No federal or state funding shall be used for any
agreements with foreign governments designed to promote food
assistance.

(21) (A) The secretary for children and families shall not apply gross
income standards for food assistance higher than the standards specified in
7 U.S.C. § 2015(c) unless expressly required by federal law. Categorical
eligibility exempting households from such gross income standards
requirements shall not be granted for any non-cash, in-kind or other
benefit unless expressly required by federal law.

40 (B) The secretary for children and families shall not apply resource 41 limits standards for food assistance that are higher than the standards 42 specified in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(g)(1) unless expressly required by federal 43 law. Categorical eligibility exempting households from such resource limits shall not be granted for any non-cash, in-kind or other benefit unless
 expressly required by federal law.

3 (c) (1) On and after January 1, 2017, The *Kansas* department for 4 children and families shall conduct an electronic check for any false 5 information provided on an application for TANF and other benefits 6 programs administered by the department. For TANF cash assistance, food 7 assistance and the child care subsidy program, the department shall verify 8 the identity of all adults in the assistance household.

9 (2) The department of administration shall provide monthly to the 10 Kansas department for children and families the social security numbers or alternate taxpayer identification numbers of all persons who claim a 11 12 Kansas lottery prize in excess of \$5,000 during the reported month. The 13 Kansas department for children and families shall verify if individuals with such winnings are receiving TANF cash assistance, food assistance or 14 15 assistance under the child care subsidy program and take appropriate 16 action. The Kansas department for children and families shall use data 17 received under this subsection solely, and for no other purpose, to 18 determine if any recipient's eligibility for benefits has been affected by 19 lottery prize winnings. The Kansas department for children and families 20 shall not publicly disclose the identity of any lottery prize winner, 21 including recipients who are determined to have illegally received 22 benefits.

23 (d) Temporary assistance for needy families; assignment of support 24 rights and limited power of attorney. By applying for or receiving 25 temporary assistance for needy families such applicant or recipient shall be 26 deemed to have assigned to the secretary on behalf of the state any 27 accrued, present or future rights to support from any other person such 28 applicant may have in such person's own behalf or in behalf of any other 29 family member for whom the applicant is applying for or receiving aid. In 30 any case in which an order for child support has been established and the 31 legal custodian and obligee under the order surrenders physical custody of 32 the child to a caretaker relative without obtaining a modification of legal 33 custody and support rights on behalf of the child are assigned pursuant to 34 this section, the surrender of physical custody and the assignment shall 35 transfer, by operation of law, the child's support rights under the order to 36 the secretary on behalf of the state. Such assignment shall be of all 37 accrued, present or future rights to support of the child surrendered to the 38 caretaker relative. The assignment of support rights shall automatically 39 become effective upon the date of approval for or receipt of such aid 40 without the requirement that any document be signed by the applicant, recipient or obligee. By applying for or receiving temporary assistance for 41 needy families, or by surrendering physical custody of a child to a 42 43 caretaker relative who is an applicant or recipient of such assistance on the

1 child's behalf, the applicant, recipient or obligee is also deemed to have 2 appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney-in-fact 3 to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, 4 money orders or other negotiable instruments representing support 5 payments received by the secretary in behalf of any person applying for, 6 receiving or having received such assistance. This limited power of 7 attorney shall be effective from the date the secretary approves the 8 application for aid and shall remain in effect until the assignment of 9 support rights has been terminated in full.

10 (e) Requirements for medical assistance for which federal moneys or state moneys or both are expended. (1) When the secretary has adopted a 11 12 medical care plan under which federal moneys or state moneys or both are 13 expended, medical assistance in accordance with such plan shall be 14 granted to any person who is a citizen of the United States or who is an 15 alien lawfully admitted to the United States and who is residing in the state 16 of Kansas, whose resources and income do not exceed the levels 17 prescribed by the secretary. In determining the need of an individual, the secretary may provide for income and resource exemptions and protected 18 19 income and resource levels. Resources from inheritance shall be counted. 20 A disclaimer of an inheritance pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2291, and 21 amendments thereto, shall constitute a transfer of resources. The secretary 22 shall exempt principal and interest held in irrevocable trust pursuant to 23 K.S.A. 16-303(c), and amendments thereto, from the eligibility 24 requirements of applicants for and recipients of medical assistance. Such 25 assistance shall be known as medical assistance.

26 (2) For the purposes of medical assistance eligibility determinations 27 on or after July 1, 2004, if an applicant or recipient owns property in joint 28 tenancy with some other party and the applicant or recipient of medical 29 assistance has restricted or conditioned their interest in such property to a 30 specific and discrete property interest less than 100%, then such 31 designation will cause the full value of the property to be considered an 32 available resource to the applicant or recipient. Medical assistance 33 eligibility for receipt of benefits under the title XIX of the social security 34 act, commonly known as medicaid, shall not be expanded, as provided for 35 in the patient protection and affordable care act, public law 111-148, 124 36 stat. 119, and the health care and education reconciliation act of 2010, 37 public law 111-152, 124 stat. 1029, unless the legislature expressly 38 consents to, and approves of, the expansion of medicaid services by an act 39 of the legislature.

40 (3) (A) Resources from trusts shall be considered when determining
41 eligibility of a trust beneficiary for medical assistance. Medical assistance
42 is to be secondary to all resources, including trusts, that may be available
43 to an applicant or recipient of medical assistance.

1 (B) If a trust has discretionary language, the trust shall be considered 2 to be an available resource to the extent, using the full extent of discretion, 3 the trustee may make any of the income or principal available to the 4 applicant or recipient of medical assistance. Any such discretionary trust 5 shall be considered an available resource unless:

6 (i) At the time of creation or amendment of the trust, the trust states a 7 clear intent that the trust is supplemental to public assistance; and

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(ii) the trust *is funded*:

9 (a) Is funded From resources of a person who, at the time of such 10 funding, owed no duty of support to the applicant or recipient of medical 11 assistance; or

(b) is funded not more than nominally from resources of a person
 while that person owed a duty of support to the applicant or recipient of
 medical assistance.

(C) For the purposes of this paragraph, "public assistance" includes,
but is not limited to, medicaid, medical assistance or title XIX of the social
security act.

18 (4) (A) When an applicant or recipient of medical assistance is a party 19 to a contract, agreement or accord for personal services being provided by a nonlicensed individual or provider and such contract, agreement or 20 21 accord involves health and welfare monitoring, pharmacy assistance, case 22 management, communication with medical, health or other professionals, 23 or other activities related to home health care, long term care, medical assistance benefits, or other related issues, any moneys paid under such 24 25 contract, agreement or accord shall be considered to be an available resource unless the following restrictions are met: 26

(i) The contract, agreement or accord must be in writing and executedprior to any services being provided;

(ii) the moneys paid are in direct relationship with the fair market
value of such services being provided by similarly situated and trained
nonlicensed individuals;

(iii) if no similarly situated nonlicensed individuals or situations can
be found, the value of services will be based on federal hourly minimum
wage standards;

(iv) such individual providing the services will report all receipts of
 moneys as income to the appropriate state and federal governmental
 revenue agencies;

(v) any amounts due under such contract, agreement or accord shall
be paid after the services are rendered;

40 (vi) the applicant or recipient shall have the power to revoke the 41 contract, agreement or accord; and

42 (vii) upon the death of the applicant or recipient, the contract, 43 agreement or accord ceases. 1 (B) When an applicant or recipient of medical assistance is a party to 2 a written contract for personal services being provided by a licensed health 3 professional or facility and such contract involves health and welfare 4 monitoring, pharmacy assistance, case management, communication with 5 medical, health or other professionals, or other activities related to home 6 health care, long term care, medical assistance benefits or other related 7 issues, any moneys paid in advance of receipt of services for such 8 contracts shall be considered to be an available resource.

9 (5) Any trust may be amended if such amendment is permitted by the 10 Kansas uniform trust code.

(f) Eligibility for medical assistance of resident receiving medical 11 12 care outside state. A person who is receiving medical care including longterm care outside of Kansas whose health would be endangered by the 13 14 postponement of medical care until return to the state or by travel to return 15 to Kansas, may be determined eligible for medical assistance if such 16 individual is a resident of Kansas and all other eligibility factors are met. 17 Persons who are receiving medical care on an ongoing basis in a long-term 18 medical care facility in a state other than Kansas and who do not return to a care facility in Kansas when they are able to do so, shall no longer be 19 20 eligible to receive assistance in Kansas unless such medical care is not 21 available in a comparable facility or program providing such medical care 22 in Kansas. For persons who are minors or who are under guardianship, the 23 actions of the parent or guardian shall be deemed to be the actions of the 24 child or ward in determining whether or not the person is remaining 25 outside the state voluntarily.

26 (g) Medical assistance; assignment of rights to medical support and 27 *limited power of attorney; recovery from estates of deceased recipients.* (1) (A) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 39-786 and 39-787, and 28 29 amendments thereto, or as otherwise authorized on and after September 30 30, 1989, under section 303 of the federal medicare catastrophic coverage 31 act of 1988, whichever is applicable, by applying for or receiving medical 32 assistance under a medical care plan in which federal funds are expended, 33 any accrued, present or future rights to support and any rights to payment 34 for medical care from a third party of an applicant or recipient and any 35 other family member for whom the applicant is applying shall be deemed 36 to have been assigned to the secretary on behalf of the state. The 37 assignment shall automatically become effective upon the date of approval 38 for such assistance without the requirement that any document be signed 39 by the applicant or recipient. By applying for or receiving medical 40 assistance the applicant or recipient is also deemed to have appointed the 41 secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney in fact to perform the 42 specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, money orders 43 or other negotiable instruments, representing payments received by the

1 secretary in on behalf of any person applying for, receiving or having 2 received such assistance. This limited power of attorney shall be effective 3 from the date the secretary approves the application for assistance and 4 shall remain in effect until the assignment has been terminated in full. The 5 assignment of any rights to payment for medical care from a third party 6 under this subsection shall not prohibit a health care provider from directly 7 billing an insurance carrier for services rendered if the provider has not 8 submitted a claim covering such services to the secretary for payment. 9 Support amounts collected on behalf of persons whose rights to support 10 are assigned to the secretary only under this subsection and no other shall be distributed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-756(d), and amendments thereto, 11 12 except that any amounts designated as medical support shall be retained by 13 the secretary for repayment of the unreimbursed portion of assistance. 14 Amounts collected pursuant to the assignment of rights to payment for 15 medical care from a third party shall also be retained by the secretary for 16 repayment of the unreimbursed portion of assistance.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A), the
secretary of health and environment, or the secretary's designee, is hereby
authorized to and shall exercise any of the powers specified in
subparagraph (A) in relation to performance of such secretary's duties
pertaining to medical subrogation, estate recovery or any other duties
assigned to such secretary in article 74 of chapter 75 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto.

24 (2) The amount of any medical assistance paid after June 30, 1992, 25 under the provisions of subsection (e) is: (A) a claim against the property 26 or any interest therein belonging to and a part of the estate of any deceased 27 recipient or, if there is no estate, the estate of the surviving spouse, if any, 28 shall be charged for such medical assistance paid to either or both; and (B) 29 a claim against any funds of such recipient or spouse in any account under 30 K.S.A. 9-1215, 17-2263 or 17-2264, and amendments thereto. There shall 31 be no recovery of medical assistance correctly paid to or on behalf of an 32 individual under subsection (e) except after the death of the surviving 33 spouse of the individual, if any, and only at a time when the individual has 34 no surviving child who is under 21 years of age or is blind or permanently 35 and totally disabled. Transfers of real or personal property by recipients of 36 medical assistance without adequate consideration are voidable and may 37 be set aside. Except where there is a surviving spouse, or a surviving child 38 who is under 21 years of age or is blind or permanently and totally 39 disabled, the amount of any medical assistance paid under subsection (e) is 40 a claim against the estate in any guardianship or conservatorship 41 proceeding. The monetary value of any benefits received by the recipient 42 of such medical assistance under long-term care insurance, as defined by 43 K.S.A. 40-2227, and amendments thereto, shall be a credit against the

1 amount of the claim provided for such medical assistance under this 2 subsection. The secretary of health and environment is authorized to 3 enforce each claim provided for under this subsection. The secretary of 4 health and environment shall not be required to pursue every claim, but is 5 granted discretion to determine which claims to pursue. All moneys 6 received by the secretary of health and environment from claims under this 7 subsection shall be deposited in the social welfare fund. The secretary of 8 health and environment may adopt rules and regulations for the 9 implementation and administration of the medical assistance recovery 10 program under this subsection.

(3) By applying for or receiving medical assistance under the
provisions of article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto, such individual or such individual's agent, fiduciary,
guardian, conservator, representative payee or other person acting on
behalf of the individual consents to the following definitions of estate and
the results therefrom:

(A) If an individual receives any medical assistance before July 1,
2004, pursuant to article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
and amendments thereto, which forms the basis for a claim under
paragraph (2), such claim is limited to the individual's probatable estate as
defined by applicable law; and

22 (B) if an individual receives any medical assistance on or after July 1, 23 2004, pursuant to article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, 24 and amendments thereto, which forms the basis for a claim under 25 paragraph (2), such claim shall apply to the individual's medical assistance estate. The medical assistance estate is defined as including all real and 26 27 personal property and other assets in which the deceased individual had 28 any legal title or interest immediately before or at the time of death to the 29 extent of that interest or title. The medical assistance estate includes, 30 without limitation assets conveyed to a survivor, heir or assign of the 31 deceased recipient through joint tenancy, tenancy in common, 32 survivorship, transfer-on-death deed, payable-on-death contract, life estate, 33 trust, annuities or similar arrangement.

34 (4) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's 35 designee is authorized to file and enforce a lien against the real property of 36 a recipient of medical assistance in certain situations, subject to all prior 37 liens of record and transfers for value to a bona fide purchaser of record. 38 The lien must be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county 39 where the real property is located within one year from the date of death of 40 the recipient and must contain the legal description of all real property in 41 the county subject to the lien.

42 (A) After the death of a recipient of medical assistance, the secretary 43 of health and environment or the secretary's designee may place a lien on 1 any interest in real property owned by such recipient.

2 (B) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's 3 designee may place a lien on any interest in real property owned by a 4 recipient of medical assistance during the lifetime of such recipient. Such 5 lien may be filed only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing has 6 been given. Such lien may be enforced only upon competent medical 7 testimony that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected to be 8 discharged and returned home. A six-month period of compensated 9 inpatient care at a nursing home or other medical institution shall 10 constitute a determination by the department of health and environment that the recipient cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged and 11 12 returned home. To return home means the recipient leaves the nursing or 13 medical facility and resides in the home on which the lien has been placed 14 for a continuous period of at least 90 days without being readmitted as an 15 inpatient to a nursing or medical facility. The amount of the lien shall be 16 for the amount of assistance paid by the department of health and 17 environment until the time of the filing of the lien and for any amount paid thereafter for such medical assistance to the recipient. After the lien is filed 18 against any real property owned by the recipient, such lien will be 19 20 dissolved if the recipient is discharged, returns home and resides upon the 21 real property to which the lien is attached for a continuous period of at 22 least 90 days without being readmitted as an inpatient to a nursing or 23 medical facility. If the recipient is readmitted as an inpatient to a nursing or 24 medical facility for a continuous period of less than 90 days, another 25 continuous period of at least 90 days shall be completed prior to 26 dissolution of the lien.

(5) The lien filed by the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee for medical assistance correctly received may be enforced before or after the death of the recipient by the filing of an action to foreclose such lien in the Kansas district court or through an estate probate court action in the county where the real property of the recipient is located. However, it may be enforced only:

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(A) After the death of the surviving spouse of the recipient;

34 (B) when there is no child of the recipient, natural or adopted, who is35 20 years of age or less residing in the home;

36 (C) when there is no adult child of the recipient, natural or adopted,37 who is blind or disabled residing in the home; or

(D) when no brother or sister of the recipient is lawfully residing in
the home, who has resided there for at least one year immediately before
the date of the recipient's admission to the nursing or medical facility, and
has resided there on a continuous basis since that time.

42 (6) The lien remains on the property even after a transfer of the title 43 by conveyance, sale, succession, inheritance or will unless one of the 1 following events occur:

2 (A) The lien is satisfied. The recipient, the heirs, personal 3 representative or assigns of the recipient may discharge such lien at any 4 time by paying the amount of the lien to the secretary of health and 5 environment or the secretary's designee;

6 (B) the lien is terminated by foreclosure of prior lien of record or 7 settlement action taken in lieu of foreclosure; or

8 (C) the value of the real property is consumed by the lien, at which 9 time the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee 10 may force the sale for the real property to satisfy the lien.

(7) If the secretary for aging and disability services or the secretary of 11 12 health and environment, or both, or such secretary's designee has not filed 13 an action to foreclose the lien in the Kansas district court in the county where the real property is located within 10 years from the date of the 14 15 filing of the lien, then the lien shall become dormant, and shall cease to 16 operate as a lien on the real estate of the recipient. Such dormant lien may 17 be revived in the same manner as a dormant judgment lien is revived under 18 K.S.A. 60-2403 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(8) Within seven days of receipt of notice by the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee of the death of a recipient of medical assistance under this subsection, the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee shall give notice of such recipient's death to the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee.

(9) All rules and regulations adopted on and after July 1, 2013, and
prior to July 1, 2014, to implement this subsection shall continue to be
effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of
the secretary of health and environment until revised, amended, revoked or
nullified pursuant to law.

30 (h) Placement under the revised Kansas code for care of children or 31 revised Kansas juvenile justice code; assignment of support rights and 32 limited power of attorney. In any case in which the secretary for children 33 and families pays for the expenses of care and custody of a child pursuant 34 to K.S.A. 38-2201 et seq. or 38-2301 et seq., and amendments thereto, 35 including the expenses of any foster care placement, an assignment of all 36 past, present and future support rights of the child in custody possessed by 37 either parent or other person entitled to receive support payments for the 38 child is, by operation of law, conveyed to the secretary. Such assignment 39 shall become effective upon placement of a child in the custody of the 40 secretary or upon payment of the expenses of care and custody of a child 41 by the secretary without the requirement that any document be signed by 42 the parent or other person entitled to receive support payments for the 43 child. When the secretary pays for the expenses of care and custody of a

child or a child is placed in the custody of the secretary, the parent or other 1 person entitled to receive support payments for the child is also deemed to 2 3 have appointed the secretary, or the secretary's designee, as attorney in fact 4 to perform the specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, 5 money orders or other negotiable instruments representing support 6 payments received by the secretary on behalf of the child. This limited 7 power of attorney shall be effective from the date the assignment to 8 support rights becomes effective and shall remain in effect until the 9 assignment of support rights has been terminated in full.

10 (i) No person who voluntarily quits employment or who is fired from employment due to gross misconduct as defined by rules and regulations 11 12 of the secretary or who is a fugitive from justice by reason of a felony 13 conviction or charge or violation of a condition of probation or parole 14 imposed under federal or state law shall be eligible to receive public assistance benefits in this state. Any recipient of public assistance who 15 16 fails to timely comply with monthly reporting requirements under criteria 17 and guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be subject to a penalty established by the secretary by rules and regulations. 18

19 (i) If the applicant or recipient of temporary assistance for needy 20 families is a mother of the dependent child, as a condition of the mother's 21 eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families the mother shall 22 identify by name and, if known, by current address the father of the 23 dependent child except that the secretary may adopt by rules and 24 regulations exceptions to this requirement in cases of undue hardship. Any 25 recipient of temporary assistance for needy families who fails to cooperate 26 with requirements relating to child support services under criteria and 27 guidelines prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary shall be 28 subject to a penalty established by the secretary.

29 (k) By applying for or receiving child care benefits or food 30 assistance, the applicant or recipient shall be deemed to have assigned, 31 pursuant to K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments thereto, to the secretary on 32 behalf of the state only accrued, present or future rights to support from 33 any other person such applicant may have in such person's own behalf or 34 in behalf of any other family member for whom the applicant is applying for or receiving aid. The assignment of support rights shall automatically 35 36 become effective upon the date of approval for or receipt of such aid 37 without the requirement that any document be signed by the applicant or 38 recipient. By applying for or receiving child care benefits or food 39 assistance, the applicant or recipient is also deemed to have appointed the 40 secretary, or the secretary's designee, as an attorney in fact to perform the 41 specific act of negotiating and endorsing all drafts, checks, money orders 42 or other negotiable instruments representing support payments received by 43 the secretary in behalf of any person applying for, receiving or having 1 received such assistance. This limited power of attorney shall be effective from the date the secretary approves the application for aid and shall remain in effect until the assignment of support rights has been terminated in full. An applicant or recipient who has assigned support rights to the secretary pursuant to this subsection shall cooperate in establishing and enforcing support obligations to the same extent required of applicants for or recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

8 (1) (1) A program of drug screening for applicants for cash assistance 9 as a condition of eligibility for cash assistance and persons receiving cash 10 assistance as a condition of continued receipt of cash assistance shall be established, subject to applicable federal law, by the secretary for children 11 12 and families on and before January 1, 2014. Under such program of drug 13 screening, the secretary for children and families shall order a drug 14 screening of an applicant for or a recipient of cash assistance at any time 15 when reasonable suspicion exists that such applicant for or recipient of 16 cash assistance is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled 17 substance analog. The secretary for children and families may use any 18 information obtained by the secretary for children and families to 19 determine whether such reasonable suspicion exists, including, but not 20 limited to, an applicant's or recipient's demeanor, missed appointments and 21 arrest or other police records, previous employment or application for 22 employment in an occupation or industry that regularly conducts drug 23 screening, termination from previous employment due to unlawful use of a 24 controlled substance or controlled substance analog or prior drug screening 25 records of the applicant or recipient indicating unlawful use of a controlled 26 substance or controlled substance analog.

27 (2) Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance whose drug 28 screening results in a positive test may request that the drug screening 29 specimen be sent to a different drug testing facility for an additional drug 30 screening. Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who requests 31 an additional drug screening at a different drug testing facility shall be 32 required to pay the cost of drug screening. Such applicant or recipient who 33 took the additional drug screening and who tested negative for unlawful 34 use of a controlled substance and controlled substance analog shall be 35 reimbursed for the cost of such additional drug screening.

36 (3) Any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance who tests 37 positive for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance 38 analog shall be required to complete a substance abuse treatment program 39 approved by the secretary for children and families, secretary of labor or 40 secretary of commerce, and a job skills program approved by the secretary 41 for children and families, secretary of labor or secretary of commerce. 42 Subject to applicable federal laws, any applicant for or recipient of cash 43 assistance who fails to complete or refuses to participate in the substance

1 abuse treatment program or job skills program as required under this 2 subsection shall be ineligible to receive cash assistance until completion of 3 such substance abuse treatment and job skills programs. Upon completion 4 of both substance abuse treatment and job skills programs, such applicant 5 for or recipient of cash assistance may be subject to periodic drug 6 screening, as determined by the secretary for children and families. Upon a 7 second positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or 8 controlled substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance shall be ordered 9 to complete again a substance abuse treatment program and job skills 10 program, and shall be terminated from cash assistance for a period of 12 months, or until such recipient of cash assistance completes both substance 11 12 abuse treatment and job skills programs, whichever is later. Upon a third positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled 13 14 substance analog, a recipient of cash assistance shall be terminated from 15 cash assistance, subject to applicable federal law.

16 (4) If an applicant for or recipient of cash assistance is ineligible for 17 or terminated from cash assistance as a result of a positive test for 18 unlawful use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, and 19 such applicant for or recipient of cash assistance is the parent or legal 20 guardian of a minor child, an appropriate protective payee shall be 21 designated to receive cash assistance on behalf of such child. Such parent 22 or legal guardian of the minor child may choose to designate an individual 23 to receive cash assistance for such parent's or legal guardian's minor child, 24 as approved by the secretary for children and families. Prior to the 25 designated individual receiving any cash assistance, the secretary for 26 children and families shall review whether reasonable suspicion exists that 27 such designated individual is unlawfully using a controlled substance or 28 controlled substance analog.

29 (A) In addition, any individual designated to receive cash assistance 30 on behalf of an eligible minor child shall be subject to drug screening at 31 any time when reasonable suspicion exists that such designated individual 32 is unlawfully using a controlled substance or controlled substance analog. 33 The secretary for children and families may use any information obtained 34 by the secretary for children and families to determine whether such 35 reasonable suspicion exists, including, but not limited to, the designated 36 individual's demeanor, missed appointments and arrest or other police 37 records, previous employment or application for employment in an 38 occupation or industry that regularly conducts drug screening, termination 39 from previous employment due to unlawful use of a controlled substance 40 or controlled substance analog or prior drug screening records of the 41 designated individual indicating unlawful use of a controlled substance or 42 controlled substance analog.

43 (B) Any designated individual whose drug screening results in a

1 positive test may request that the drug screening specimen be sent to a 2 different drug testing facility for an additional drug screening. Any 3 designated individual who requests an additional drug screening at a 4 different drug testing facility shall be required to pay the cost of drug 5 screening. Such designated individual who took the additional drug 6 screening and who tested negative for unlawful use of a controlled 7 substance and controlled substance analog shall be reimbursed for the cost 8 of such additional drug screening.

9 (C) Upon any positive test for unlawful use of a controlled substance 10 or controlled substance analog, the designated individual shall not receive 11 cash assistance on behalf of the parent's or legal guardian's minor child, 12 and another designated individual shall be selected by the secretary for 13 children and families to receive cash assistance on behalf of such parent's 14 or legal guardian's minor child.

15 (5) If a person has been convicted under federal or state law of any 16 offense which that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction 17 and which has as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation. distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled 18 19 substance analog, and the date of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, 20 such person shall thereby become forever ineligible to receive any cash 21 assistance under this subsection unless such conviction is the person's first 22 conviction. First-time offenders convicted under federal or state law of any 23 offense-which that is classified as a felony by the law of the jurisdiction 24 and which has as an element of such offense the manufacture, cultivation. 25 distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or controlled 26 substance analog, and the date of conviction is on or after July 1, 2013, 27 such person shall become ineligible to receive cash assistance for five 28 years from the date of conviction.

(6) Except for hearings before the Kansas department for children
and families or, the results of any drug screening administered as part of
the drug screening program authorized by this subsection shall be
confidential and shall not be disclosed publicly.

(7) The secretary for children and families may adopt such rules and
 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Any authority granted to the secretary for children and families
under this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalties prescribed
by law.

38 (9) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Cash assistance" means cash assistance provided to individuals
under the provisions of article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations adopted
pursuant to such statutes provisions.

43 (B) "Controlled substance" means the same as in K.S.A. 2021 Supp.

- 1 21-5701, and amendments thereto, and 21 U.S.C. § 802.
- 2 (C) "Controlled substance analog" means the same as in K.S.A. 2021
 3 Supp. 21-5701, and amendments thereto.
- 4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 39-709 is hereby repealed.
- 5 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 6 publication in the statute book.