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To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Iraida Orr, Principal Analyst

Re: SB 121-Hospital Accrediting Organizations

A request was made during the March 12, 2013, hearing on SB 121 regarding the existence of hospital accrediting organizations other than those included in the bill, and why any such organizations were not included in the amendment to the bill.

The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare amended SB 121 at the request of the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) by adding DNV Healthcare (DNVHC) and updating the Joint Commission's name. During a conversation with Chad Austin (KHA Senior Vice President and responsible for Government Relations) as to the basis for the amendment, he stated KHA asked that DNVHC be added to the list of accrediting organizations because two hospitals in the state are or have been accredited by DNV. These hospitals are Hays Medical Center (according to the DNV Healthcare website, the certificate expired on October 8, 2011) and Galicia Heart Hospital in Wichita (with a certificate expiration date of April 20, 2015).

An initial search yielded a list of seven hospital accrediting organizations based in the United States. Upon further review of the organizations' websites, only two provided accreditation to hospitals, although some provided critical access hospital accreditation. A list of the organizations and the available accreditation programs for each follows. The two hospital accrediting organizations are listed first:

- DNV Healthcare, Inc. (DNVHC also is based in Norway) provides accreditation programs for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Stroke Centers;
- The Joint Commission (TJC) provides accreditation services for Ambulatory Health Care, Behavioral Health Care, Critical Access Hospitals, Home Care, Hospitals, Laboratory Services, Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers, and International Accreditation;
- Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) provides accreditation programs for Acute Care, Critical Access Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Laboratories, Behavioral Mental Health, Ambulatory Care Office Based Surgery, and Primary Stroke Centers;
- Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) provides accreditation in the areas of Home Health, Hospice, Home Medical Equipment, Pharmacy, Private

Duty Nursing, Infusion Therapy Nursing, Public Health, Community Nursing Centers, and Supplemental Staffing Services;

- Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) provides accreditation in the areas of Home Health, Hospice, Private Duty, Pharmacy, Sleep Labs, Behavioral Health, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS);
- The Compliance Team: Exemplary Provider Programs provides accreditation programs for DMEPOS, Critical Access Hospitals, Sleep Care Management, Home Health/Hospice Agencies, Pharmacies, Ocularists/Anaplastologists, Physician Practices/Medical Homes, Private Duty Home Care, and Rural Health Clinics; and
- Healthcare Quality Association on Accreditation (HQAA) provides accreditation services for Home Medical Equipment and Durable Medical Equipment.

In addition, only HFAP, TJC, and DNVHC were cited as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved accreditation organizations on a list dated February 2013 found on the CMS website.

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CMS-Approved Accreditation Organization Contact Information

| Organization | Program Type | Address | Contact | Phone Number | E-Mail Address |
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| Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) | ASCs | 5250 Old Orchard Road Suite 200 Skokie, IL 60077 | Villanueva, Michon Wei, Mary | 847-853-6063 | mvillanueva@aaahc.org |
| Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) | HHAs Hospices | 139 Western Oaks Parkway Cary, NC 27513 | Sylvester, Barb Hughes, Matt Pazun, Julie | 919-785-1214 919-785-1214 919-785-1214 | bsylvester@achc.org mhughes@achc.org jpazun@achc.org |
| American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF) | ASCs OPTs RHCs | 5101 Washington Street Suite 2F P.O. Box 9500 Gurnee, IL 60031 | Baker, Pamela Pearcy, Jeff | 847-775-1970 847-775-1970 | pamela@aaaasf.org jeff@aaaasf.org |
| American Osteopathic Association/Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP) | ASCs CAHs Hospitals | 142 East Ontario Street Chicago, IL 60611-2864 | Cappiello, Joseph Robins, Beverly Zarski, Mike | 312-202-8072 312-202-8062 312-202-8047 | jcappiello@hfap.org brobins@hfap.org mzarski@osteotech.org |
| Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) | HHAs Hospice | 1275 K Street Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20005 | Julie Reynes | 202-862-3413 | jreynes@chapinc.org |

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| DNV Healthcare (DNYHC) | Hospitals CAHs | 400 Techne Center Drive, Suite 100 Milford, OH 45150 | Horine, Patrick Scott, Darrel | 513-388-4888 513-388-4862 | patrick.horine@dnv.com darrel.scott@dnv.com |
| The Joint Commission (JC) | ASCs CAHs HHAs Hospice Hospitals Psych Hospitals | One Renaissance Blvd Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60081 | Kurtz, Patisha Weinberger, Gail | 202-783-6655 630-792-5766 | pkurtz@jointcommission.org gweinberger@jointcommission.org |