

40-4701. Kansas business health partnership act; definitions. As used in K.S.A. 40-4701 through 40-4707, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Carrier" means any insurance company, nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation, nonprofit optometric, dental, or pharmacy service corporation, municipal group-funded pool, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization, as these terms are defined by chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, that offers health benefit plans covering eligible employees of one or more small employers in the state.

(b) "Health committee" means the Kansas business health policy committee as specified in K.S.A. 40-4702, and amendments thereto.

(c) "Dependent" means the spouse or any child of an eligible employee.

(d) "Eligible employee" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments thereto.

(e) "Health benefit plan" means any hospital or medical expense policy, health, hospital or medical services corporation contract, and a plan provided by a municipal group-funded pool, or a health maintenance organization contract offered by any employer or any certificate issued under any such policy, contract or plan.

(f) "Kansas business health partnership" or "health partnership" means a nonrisk bearing nonprofit corporation that has responded to a request for a proposal by the health committee and has been selected by the health committee to provide health insurance through multiple unaffiliated participating carriers to small employers and their eligible employees.

(g) "Low wage or modest wage employee" means any eligible employee whose family income does not exceed 200% of the poverty level.

(h) "Small employer" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 40-2209d, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2000, ch. 147, § 47; L. 2002, ch. 112, § 2; July 1.