

59-3070. Appointment of corporation as guardian; qualifications; procedures. (a) Any corporation organized under the Kansas general corporation code may act as guardian for an individual found to be in need of a guardian under the act for obtaining a guardian or conservator, or both, if the corporation has been certified by the secretary for children and families as a suitable agency to perform the duties of a guardian.

(b) The secretary for children and families shall establish criteria for determining whether a corporation should be certified as a suitable agency to perform the duties of a guardian. The criteria shall be designed for the protection of the ward and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Whether the corporation is capable of performing the duties of a guardian;

(2) whether the staff of the corporation is accessible and available to wards and to other persons concerned about their well-being and is adequate in number to properly perform the duties and responsibilities of a guardian;

(3) whether the corporation is a stable organization which is likely to continue in existence for some time; and

(4) whether the corporation will agree to submit such reports and answer such questions as the secretary may require in monitoring corporate guardianships.

(c) Application for certification under this section shall be made to the secretary for children and families in such manner as the secretary may direct. The secretary for children and families may suspend or revoke certification of a corporation under this section, after notice and hearing, upon a finding that such corporation has failed to comply with the criteria established by rules and regulations under subsection (b). Such corporation shall not be appointed as a guardian during the period of time the certificate is suspended or revoked.

(d) No corporation shall be eligible for appointment as provided for in K.S.A. 59-3068, and amendments thereto, as the guardian of any person if such corporation provides care, treatment or housing to that person or is the owner, part owner or operator of any adult care home, lodging establishment or institution utilized for the care, treatment or housing of that person.

(e) The secretary for children and families may adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this section.

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