

75-6120. Agreements for provision of gratuitous services by charitable health care providers; providers considered employees under act; rules and regulations; effect of claim on rate or cancellation of policy.

(a) The secretary of health and environment may enter into agreements with charitable health care providers in which such charitable health care provider stipulates to the secretary of health and environment that when such charitable health care provider renders professional services to a medically indigent person such services will be provided gratuitously. The secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and regulations which specify the conditions for termination of any such agreement, and such rules and regulations are hereby made a part of any such agreement. A charitable health care provider for purposes of any claim for damages arising as a result of rendering professional services to a medically indigent person, which professional services were rendered gratuitously at a time when an agreement entered into by the charitable health care provider with the secretary of health and environment under this section was in effect, shall be considered an employee of the state under the Kansas tort claims act.

(b) The secretary of health and environment shall establish by rules and regulations eligibility criteria for determining whether a person qualifies as a medically indigent person.

(c) Any claim arising from the rendering of or failure to render professional services by a charitable health care provider brought pursuant to the Kansas tort claims act shall not be considered by an insurance company in determining the rate charged for any professional liability insurance policy for health care providers or whether to cancel any such policy.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas tort claims act.

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