

**39-719e. Medical benefit plan providers to provide information identifying covered medical assistance recipients; procedures; enforcement.** (a) Upon the request of the secretary for aging and disability services or the Kansas department of health and environment, or both, each medical benefit plan provider that provides or maintains a medical benefit plan, that provides any hospital or medical services or any other health care or other medical benefits or services, or both, in Kansas, shall provide the secretary with information, to the extent known by the medical benefit plan provider, identifying each person who is covered by such medical benefit plan or who is otherwise provided any such hospital or medical services or any other such health care or other medical benefits or services, or both, in Kansas under such medical benefit plan. The information shall be provided in such form as is prescribed by the secretary for the purpose of comparing such information with medicaid beneficiary information maintained by the secretary to assist in identifying other health care or medical benefit coverage available to medicaid beneficiaries. The secretary shall reimburse each medical benefit plan provider that provides information under this section for the reasonable cost of providing such information.

(b) All information provided by medical benefit plan providers under this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of the open records act or under the provisions of any other law. Such information may be used solely for the purpose of determining whether medical assistance has been paid or is eligible to be paid by the secretary for which a recovery from a medical benefit plan provider is due under K.S.A. 39-719a, and amendments thereto.

(c) Failure to provide information pursuant to a request by the secretary for aging and disability services or the Kansas department of health and environment, or both, under this section shall constitute a failure to reply to an inquiry of the commissioner of insurance and shall be subject to the penalties applicable thereto under K.S.A. 40-2,125, and amendments thereto. If a medical plan provider fails to provide information to the secretary for aging and disability services or the Kansas department of health and environment, or both, pursuant to a request under this section, the secretary shall notify the commissioner of such failure. The commissioner of insurance may pursue each such failure to provide such information in accordance with K.S.A. 40-2,125, and amendments thereto.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Medical benefit plan" means any accident and health insurance or any other policy, contract, plan or agreement that provides benefits or services, or both, for any hospital or medical services or any other health care or medical benefits or services, or both, in Kansas, whether or not such benefits or services, or both, are provided pursuant to individual, group, blanket or certificates of accident and sickness insurance, any other insurance providing any accident and health insurance, or any other policy, contract, plan or agreement providing any such benefits or services, or both, in Kansas, and includes any policy, plan, contract or agreement offered in Kansas pursuant to the federal employee retirement income security act of 1974 (ERISA) that provides any hospital or medical services or any other health care or medical benefits or services, or both, in Kansas; and

(2) "medical benefit plan provider" means any insurance company, nonprofit medical and hospital service corporation, health maintenance organization, fraternal benefit society, municipal group-funded pool, group-funded workers compensation pool or any other entity providing or maintaining a medical benefit plan.

(e) No medicaid provider who rendered professional services to a medicaid beneficiary and was paid by the secretary for such services shall be liable to the medical benefit plan provider for any amounts recovered pursuant to this act or pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 39-719a, and amendments thereto.

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