

**75-6522. Same; commission may contract with insurers to provide; meetings not subject to open meetings act; contracts not subject to state purchasing requirements; rules and regulations.** (a) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall offer to all employees long-term care insurance and the commission may enter into one or more group insurance contracts to provide such long-term care insurance.

(b) The Kansas state employees health care commission is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into contracts with qualified insurers for the purpose of providing long-term care insurance. The commission shall advertise for proposals, shall negotiate with not less than three firms or other parties submitting proposals, and shall select from among those submitting proposals the firm or other contracting party to contract with for the purpose of entering into contracts for long-term care insurance.

(c) The provisions of K.S.A. 75-4317 to 75-4320a, inclusive, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to meetings of the Kansas state employees health care commission when the commission meets solely for the purpose of discussing and preparing strategies for negotiations for contracts for long-term care insurance.

(d) Contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3738 to 75-3740, inclusive, and amendments thereto. Such contracts may be for terms of not more than three years and may be renegotiated and renewed. All such contracts shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriations acts relating thereto.

(e) In exercising and performing the powers, duties and functions prescribed by this section, the Kansas state employees health care commission may adopt rules and regulations and enter into such contracts as may be necessary.

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