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## HOUSE BILL No. 2201

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to
powers, duties and functions; tuberculosis program; updating statutory
references necessitated by 2012 executive reorganization order no. 41;
amending K.S.A. 65-116i, 65-116k, 65-116l and 65-116m and
repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-116i is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-9 116i. Except as otherwise provided by K.S.A. 65-116l, and amendments 10 thereto, the expenses incurred in the inpatient care, maintenance and 11 treatment of patients committed under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-116e, 12 and amendments thereto, or of other persons having communicable or 13 infectious tuberculosis who voluntarily agree to accept care and treatment shall be paid from state funds appropriated to the Kansas department-for 14 aging and disability services of health and environment for the purpose of 15 16 paying medical care facilities and physicians qualified to treat persons 17 infected with tuberculosis.

18 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-116k is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-19 116k. The secretary-for aging and disability services of health and 20 environment is hereby authorized and directed to adopt rules and 21 regulations establishing reasonable rates and administrative procedures to 22 be followed in making payments to the medical care facilities and 23 physicians providing care and treatment under the provisions of this act. 24 Payments shall only be made directly to medical care facilities and 25 physicians except that this act shall not be deemed to create any rights or 26 causes of action against the state or the secretary for aging and disability 27 services of health and environment in such a medical care facility or 28 physician, their heirs or assigns. No payments shall be made for expenses 29 incurred prior to the time the secretary assumes payment responsibility and 30 payments made by the secretary on behalf of an individual eligible for payments under the provisions of this act shall constitute a complete 31 32 settlement of the claim upon which such payment is based.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-116l is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-116l.
No funds appropriated to the Kansas department for aging and disability
services of health and environment for the purpose of carrying out the
provisions of K.S.A. 65-116i, and amendments thereto, shall be used for

1 meeting the cost of the care, maintenance or treatment of any person who 2 has communicable or infectious tuberculosis by a medical care facility on an inpatient basis to the extent that such cost is covered by insurance or 3 4 other third party payments, or to the extent that such person or a person 5 who is legally responsible for the support of such person is able to assume 6 the cost of such care, maintenance, treatment or transportation. The 7 secretary for aging and disability services of health and environment in 8 determining the ability of a person to assume such costs shall consider the following factors: (a) The age of such person; (b) the number of such 9 person's dependents and their ages and physical condition; (c) the person's 10 length of care, maintenance or treatment, if such person is the person 11 12 receiving the care, maintenance or treatment; (d) such person's liabilities; (e) such person's assets; and (f) such other factors as the secretary deems 13 important. The secretary for aging and disability services of health and 14 15 environment may adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the 16 provisions of this section.

17 K.S.A. 65-116m is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-Sec. 4. 18 116m. Where funds appropriated to the Kansas department for aging and disability services of health and environment have been expended for the 19 20 purpose of meeting the cost of the care, maintenance or treatment of any 21 person who has communicable or infectious tuberculosis pursuant to the 22 provisions of this act and a third party has a legal obligation to pay such 23 cost to or on behalf of the recipient, the secretary for aging and disability services of health and environment may recover the same from the 24 25 recipient or from the third party and in all respects shall be subrogated to 26 the rights of the recipient in such cases.

27 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-116i, 65-116k, 65-116l and 65-116m are hereby 28 repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after itspublication in the statute book.