

**Kansas Health Information and Technology and Exchange Act—Amendments;
Senate Sub. for Senate Sub. for HB 2249**

Senate Sub. for Senate Sub. for HB 2249 amends one of the provisions of the Kansas Health Information Technology and Exchange Act (Act). Under continuing law, the Act supersedes any state law which is contrary to, inconsistent with, or more restrictive than the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Two of the existing exceptions to this provision are peer reviews and risk management statutes. The bill deletes the third exception: any statutory health care provider-patient privilege. The bill also includes a provision stating the Act will not limit or restrict the state agency's authority to require the disclosure of health information pursuant to law.