



Mid-America Nutrition Program, INC.

House Bill No. 2774

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The Mid-America Nutrition Program encompasses a six county catchment area: **Linn, Franklin, Osage, Coffey, Miami, and Anderson**. Every weekday morning, seven steadfast and noble drivers leave our headquarters located in Ottawa, Kansas to serve predominately homebound frail elderly in hard to reach rural areas in addition to delivering meals to our 25 congregate senior sites.

We deliver approximately 1250 meals out of our kitchen daily, and provide extra breakfast and weekend meals to qualifying participants. We also serve the Miami County Jail and three afterschool programs in Ottawa with a pending bid to serve the Topeka Youth Correctional Facility. Mid-America Nutrition Program, Inc. is “the eyes and ears” of our seniors, offering food and friendly visiting five days per week. Our services prevent undo state recovery, emergency room overuse and premature admission to long term care facilities.

All Kansas Nutrition Sites and eleven Area on Aging Agencies qualify for **non-state employee benefits**. Many of my staff members go without health insurance or pay outrageous premiums. KSA 75-6506, states that allowed groups MUST include non-profit entities serving disabled persons. Our program serves veterans, medically fragile homebound elderly, elderly at our congregate sites, developmentally disabled adults, inmates at the Miami County Jail, and low-income school aged children participating in USD490 after school programming. KSA 19-4001 applies to our program as well because 75% of our funding comes from Federal, State and Local government as mandated by the Older American’s Act of 1965.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and please feel free to contact me at (785) 242-8341 or via email at alogan@midamericanutrition.org for further questions. Visit our brand new website at www.midamericanutrition.org

HOUSE BILL No. 2774

By Committee on Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning the state health care benefits program; designating
2 employees of certain charitable organizations as eligible for coverage
3 thereto; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-6506 and 75-6508 and
4 repealing the existing sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-6506 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 75-6506. (a) The participation of a person qualified to participate
9 in the state health care benefits program shall be voluntary, and the cost of
10 the state health care benefits program for such person shall be established
11 by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

12 (b) Periodic deductions from state payrolls may be made in
13 accordance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of administration
14 to cover the costs of the state health care benefits program payable by
15 persons who are on the state payroll when authorized by such persons. Any
16 such periodic payroll deductions in effect on an implementation date for
17 biweekly payroll periods shall be collected in the manner prescribed by the
18 secretary of administration.

19 (c) ~~(1) In the event that~~ The Kansas state employees health care
20 commission ~~designates by~~ may designate, through rules and regulations, a
21 group of persons on the payroll of any of the following entities as qualified
22 to participate in the state employee health plan a:

23 (A) County, township, city, special district or other local
24 governmental entity;

25 (B) public school district;

26 (C) licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit
27 corporation providing residential group foster care for children and
28 receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas
29 department for children and families;

30 (D) nonprofit community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A.
31 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto;

32 (E) nonprofit community facility for people with intellectual
33 disability, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto;
34 or;

35 (F) nonprofit independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-
36 5101, and amendments thereto; or

1 (G) nonprofit charitable organization that provides services or food
2 support to Kansas residents who are elderly or disabled, if such nonprofit
3 charitable organization receives 75% or more of its funding through
4 grants from the Kansas department for children and families, the Kansas
5 department for aging and disability services or the Kansas department of
6 health and environment.

7 ~~as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program~~
8 ~~If such designation is made, then periodic deductions from payrolls of the~~
9 ~~local governmental entity, public school district, licensed child care facility~~
10 ~~operated by a not-for-profit corporation providing residential group foster~~
11 ~~care for children and receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care~~
12 ~~from the Kansas department for children and families, nonprofit~~
13 ~~community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq.,~~
14 ~~and amendments thereto, nonprofit community facility for people with~~
15 ~~intellectual disability, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and~~
16 ~~amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent living agency, as defined in~~
17 ~~K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto; entities designated in~~
18 ~~subsection (c)(1) may be made to cover the costs of the state health care~~
19 ~~benefits program payable by such persons when authorized by such~~
20 ~~persons. All such moneys deducted from payrolls shall be remitted to the~~
21 ~~Kansas state employees health care commission in accordance with the~~
22 ~~directions of the commission.~~

23 (d) Whenever the Kansas state employees health care commission
24 designates any entity listed in subsection (c) as qualified to participate in
25 the state health care benefits program, such entity's participation shall be
26 conditioned upon the following:

27 (1) At least 70% of such entity's employees shall participate in the
28 state health care plan;

29 (2) except as provided by paragraph (6) ~~of this subsection~~, the rate of
30 the premium paid by the entity as the employer's share of the total amount
31 of premium paid shall be at least equal to the rate paid by the state of
32 Kansas for its employees;

33 (3) the entity shall not create, maintain or permit any exemption from
34 participation in the state health care plan for such entity's employees;

35 (4) the rate charged to such entity shall be sufficient to pay for any
36 administrative or underwriting costs incurred by the state employees health
37 care commission;

38 (5) the rate charged to such entity shall not increase the rate of
39 premium paid by the state of Kansas for its employees;

40 (6) the entity shall elect to participate for a minimum of three
41 consecutive years in the state health care benefits program; and

42 (7) the commission may authorize an entity to pay less than the state
43 rate for the employee coverage for no more than three years and no more

1 than five years for dependent coverage on the condition that the entity
2 elects to participate for at least three consecutive years after first paying
3 the state rate for employee coverage.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-6508 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows: 75-6508. (a) (1) Each state agency ~~which~~ *that* has on its payroll
6 persons participating in the state health care benefits program shall pay
7 from any moneys available to the agency for such purpose an amount
8 specified by the Kansas state employees health care commission, including
9 any amounts prescribed under a cafeteria plan established under K.S.A.
10 75-6512, and amendments thereto. All such payments shall continue on the
11 behalf of employees otherwise eligible for participation in the state health
12 care benefits program in accordance with the continuation provisions of
13 the federal family and medical leave act of 1993, P.L. 103-03, 107 Stat. 6.
14 The commission may charge each state agency a uniform amount per
15 person as the cost to the agency for the state's contribution for persons
16 participating in the state health care benefits program. Such amounts may
17 include the costs of administering the program.

18 (2) ~~In the event that~~ *If, through rules and regulations,* the Kansas
19 state employees health care commission designates *as qualified to*
20 *participate in the state health care benefits program* ~~by rules and~~
21 ~~regulations~~ a group of persons on the payroll of *any of the following*
22 *entities* a:

23 (A) County, township, city, special district or other local
24 governmental entity;

25 (B) public school district;

26 (C) licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit
27 corporation providing residential group foster care for children and
28 receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas
29 department for children and families;

30 (D) nonprofit community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A.
31 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto;

32 (E) nonprofit community facility for people with intellectual
33 disability, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto;
34 or;

35 (F) nonprofit independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-
36 5101, and amendments thereto; or

37 (G) *nonprofit charitable organization that provides services or food*
38 *support to Kansas residents who are elderly or disabled, if such nonprofit*
39 *charitable organization receives 75% or more of its funding through*
40 *grants from the Kansas department for children and families, Kansas*
41 *department for aging and disability services or the Kansas department of*
42 *health and environment.*

43 ~~as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program;~~

1 (3) ~~Each local governmental entity, public school district, licensed~~
2 ~~child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation providing~~
3 ~~residential group foster care for children and receiving reimbursement for~~
4 ~~all or part of such care from the Kansas department for children and~~
5 ~~families, nonprofit community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A.~~
6 ~~19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, nonprofit community facility for~~
7 ~~people with intellectual disability, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq.,~~
8 ~~and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent living agency, as~~
9 ~~defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto, which entity~~
10 ~~designated in paragraph (2) that has on its payroll persons participating in~~
11 ~~the state health care benefits program shall pay to the commission from~~
12 ~~any moneys available to the local governmental entity, public school~~
13 ~~district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation~~
14 ~~providing residential group foster care for children and receiving~~
15 ~~reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas department for~~
16 ~~children and families, nonprofit community mental health center, as~~
17 ~~provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, nonprofit~~
18 ~~community facility for people with intellectual disability, as provided in~~
19 ~~K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent~~
20 ~~living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto,~~
21 ~~such entity for such purpose an amount specified by the commission. The~~
22 ~~commission may charge each local governmental entity, public school~~
23 ~~district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation~~
24 ~~providing residential group foster care for children and receiving~~
25 ~~reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas department for~~
26 ~~children and families, nonprofit community mental health center, as~~
27 ~~provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, nonprofit~~
28 ~~community facility for people with intellectual disability, as provided in~~
29 ~~K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent~~
30 ~~living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto, a~~
31 ~~uniform amount per person as the cost to the local governmental entity,~~
32 ~~public school district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-~~
33 ~~profit corporation providing residential group foster care for children and~~
34 ~~receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas~~
35 ~~department for children and families, nonprofit community mental health~~
36 ~~center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto,~~
37 ~~nonprofit community facility for people with intellectual disability, as~~
38 ~~provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit~~
39 ~~independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments~~
40 ~~thereto, for the contribution of the local governmental entity, public school~~
41 ~~district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation~~
42 ~~providing residential group foster care for children and receiving~~
43 ~~reimbursement for all or part of such care from the Kansas department for~~

1 ~~children and families, nonprofit community mental health center, as~~
2 ~~provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, nonprofit~~
3 ~~community facility for people with intellectual disability, as provided in~~
4 ~~K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent~~
5 ~~living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto,~~
6 *such entity* for persons participating in the state health care benefits
7 program. Such amounts may include the costs of administering the
8 program.

9 (b) Payments from public funds for coverage under the state health
10 care benefits program for persons participating in that program shall not be
11 deemed a payment or supplement of wages of such person notwithstanding
12 any other provision of law or rules and regulations relating to wages of any
13 such person.

14 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-6506 and 75-6508 are hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.



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ABOUT

The Meals on Wheels Association of Kansas (MOWAK) is comprised of home-delivered and congregate meal programs from all corners of the state. Kansas meal providers have had a strong state association for many years. Now, as MOWAK, meal providers will have a strong advocate at the state and national levels to help ensure that nutrition and other services will continue to be available to allow seniors to remain in their homes.

MEMBERSHIP

On May 17 and 18, 2011, we hosted our first regional training seminar in Kansas City. Individuals from Kansas as well as those from the surrounding states met for an afternoon to discuss emergency management issues and to test pilot the food safety initiative. Everyone went back to their programs with valuable information as well as a goody bag full of refrigerator thermometers for clients!

We welcome everybody and are always looking for people who want to make a difference in our State and in this world. If you would like to join MOWAK or have questions regarding our association, please direct your inquiries to Heidi Pickerell, (785) 295-3980, HPickerell@MOWKS.org.

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- Serving Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties

Central Plains Area Agency on Aging: Wichita - PSA 02

- Serving Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick counties

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging: Hays - PSA 03

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- Serving Douglas, Jefferson and Shawnee counties

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