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Chapter 75.--STATE DEPARTMENTS; PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Article 65.--STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAMS

75-6506. Health care benefits program; voluntary participation; payroll deductions, state and local governments and certain not-for-profit entities; requirements for participation. (a) The participation of a person qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program shall be voluntary, and the cost of the state health care benefits program for such person shall be established by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

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

(c) In the event that the Kansas state employees health care commission designates by rules and regulations a group of persons on the payroll of a county, township, city, special district or other local governmental entity, public school district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation providing residential group foster care for children and receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the department of social and rehabilitation services, nonprofit community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, nonprofit community facility for the mentally retarded, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101 and amendments thereto, as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, periodic deductions from payrolls of the local governmental entity, public school district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-profit corporation providing residential group foster care for children and receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the department of social and rehabilitation services, nonprofit community mental health center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, nonprofit community facility for the mentally retarded, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101 and amendments thereto, may be made to cover the costs of the state health care benefits program payable by such persons when authorized by such persons. All such moneys deducted from payrolls shall be remitted to the Kansas state employees health care commission in accordance with the directions of the commission.

(d) On and after July 1, 2002, whenever the Kansas state employees health care commission designates any entity listed in subsection (c) as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, such entity's participation shall be conditioned upon the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) the commission may authorize an entity to pay less than the state rate for the employee coverage for no more than three years and no more than five years for dependent coverage on the condition that the entity elects to participate for at least three consecutive years after first paying the state rate for employee coverage.

History: L. 1984, ch. 329, § 6; L. 1990, ch. 282, § 25; L. 1992, ch. 271, § 3; L. 1994, ch. 279, § 24; L. 2002, ch. 30, § 2; July 1.