

## **Medical Assistance Program; Powers of the Governor in Kansas Emergency Management Act; HB 2387**

**HB 2387** creates law related to the medical assistance program and amends law regarding the powers of the Governor in the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA).

The bill takes effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### ***Medical Assistance Program***

The bill creates law stating that, on or before January 31, 2023, no state agency, including the Governor, shall:

- Issue a request for proposal for the administration and provision of benefits under the medical assistance program; or
- Enter into any new contract with managed care organizations for the administration and provision of benefits under the medical assistance program.

The bill requires, except to the extent prohibited by 42 USC § 1396u-2(a)(2) or other federal law, the Secretary of Health and Environment to continue to administer medical assistance benefits using managed care entities as described in 42 USC § 1396u-2.

These provisions expire on January 31, 2023.

### ***Powers of the Governor In KEMA***

The bill amends a statute in KEMA addressing the powers of the Governor to specify that continuing limits on the Governor's power regarding firearms or ammunition apply under KEMA or any other law. The bill also states the Governor shall not have the power or authority under KEMA or any other law to prohibit attending or conducting any religious service or worship service in a church, synagogue, or place of worship.