



# Kansas Insurance Department

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## **Kansas Insurance Commissioner Supports Legislation for Health Care Data Collection**

TOPEKA, KS – Today, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Sandy Praeger, appeared before the Senate Health Care Strategies Committee to support the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) intent to make better health care data available to Kansans.

“In an effort to continually improve health care affordability, there is no substitute for reliable, timely data,” said Praeger. “SB 212 asks for a timeline to ensure that this will happen.”

Over the past two years, the Kansas Insurance Department (KID) has worked with the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to improve the ways our state catalogs information about health insurance. The department has also made a commitment to work with members of the business community on this important issue.

KID is currently working on a process to better understand and describe the Kansas Health Insurance Information System (KHIIS), maintained by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. “I believe it is important to find better ways to consider trends affecting the rising cost of health care,” said Praeger. “Good, accessible data is key to that.”

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### **About the Kansas Insurance Department**

Headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, the Kansas Insurance Department regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 42,000 non-resident agents and 1684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of Kansas. The department’s overriding objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry by offering financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. For more information, visit the Kansas Insurance Department on the Web at [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org).