

Statement from KDHE regarding Senate Bill 36, licensing process

Topeka—(June 27, 2011) The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) issues the following information as it relates to House Substitute for Senate Bill 36, which becomes law on July 1 and pertains to the licensing of abortion clinics by KDHE.

KDHE continues to review applications, and no applicant inspected thus far by KDHE has passed the inspection.

“Those applicants to date that have undergone a full initial review have failed to meet the minimum health and safety standards established by Senate Bill 36. As with the more than 800 health care facilities regulated by KDHE, this process is designed to ensure Kansans receive the highest standard of care. As a physician, I will see that patient safety continues to be our top priority,” said Robert Moser, M.D., Secretary of KDHE.

Agency spokesperson Miranda Myrick added: “As with all licensed health care providers regulated by KDHE, if the level of noncompliance indicates corrective action is feasible and if an applicant provides a credible statement of compliance following an initial inspection failure, KDHE will continue to work with that applicant and provide follow-up inspections where appropriate to determine whether deficiencies have been corrected by the applicant. It is the policy of KDHE not to disclose the identity of applicants during the application and review process. All details related to that process are likewise confidential.”