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Opinion No. 74- 169

Mr. John E. Fierro
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County Courthouse
Box 995
Dodge City, Kansas 67801

Re: Uniform Consumer Credit Code
K.S.A. 16a-1-301(11)(i)

Dear Mr. Fierro:

This office is in receipt of your inquiry in regard to the above cited statute.

You inquire whether it is necessary that a hospital comply with the provisions of the Kansas Consumer Credit Code if credit transactions are entered into only as a last resort and the hospital does not seek or desire to enter into credit transactions.

After reviewing the provisions of the above cited statute, it is quite clear that hospitals must comply with the provisions of the Kansas Consumer Credit Code in all credit transactions. The fact that the hospital does not actively seek to engage in credit transactions does not exempt hospitals from the act. The provisions of K.S.A. 16a-1-301(11) quite clearly apply to the extension of credit by hospitals to a patient.

I hope the above is in full response to your request. If I can be of further service, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vern Miller".

VERN MILLER
Attorney General

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