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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 76-321

Mr. Leonard J. Dix Rooks County Attorney Rooks County Courthouse Stockton, Kansas 67669

Re:

Employment Security--Counties--Nursing Homes

Synopsis: A county may elect for coverage of its nursing home employees under the employment security law, pursuant to K.S.A. 44-711(c), without extending such benefits to other employees of the county.

Dear Mr. Dix:

In your letter of September 24, 1976, you inquire whether Rooks county officials may elect to bring the Rooks County Nursing Home under the employment security law pursuant to K.S.A. 44-711(c) without extending such benefits to any other institutions or agencies of the political subdivisions.

K.S.A. 44-711(c) provides for just such a limited coverage election as follows:

"any political subdivision of this state may elect to cover under this act services performed by all employees of such political subdivisions or all employees of all of the hospitals and institutions of higher education operated by such political subdivision, or all employees of any agency or department

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> of such political subdivision other than employees of a hospital or institution of higher education."

Insofar as pertinent there, a political subdivision, thus, may elect to cover all its employees or only all employees of an agency or department. This privilege would permit Rooks County to elect coverage of only its nursing home employees, in my judgment.

Yours very truly,

CURT T. SCHNEIDER Attorney General

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