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### Kansas Appeals Clinic Funding Court Ruling

Kansas has again appealed a federal judge's order prohibiting the state from stripping federal family planning funds from Planned Parenthood clinics in Wichita and Hays as well as an unaffiliated clinic in Dodge City.

Monday's appeal notice seeks to put both the 2011 and 2012 statutes before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals more quickly.

The lawsuit stems from a Kansas law requiring the state to first allocate federal family planning money to public health departments and hospitals, which leaves no funds for specialty clinics.

Planned Parenthood and the Dodge city Family Planning Clinic earlier won an extension of a 2010 injunction after the Legislature this year re-enacted those funding restrictions.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten found last month that the statute unconstitutionally bars the plaintiffs from eligibility.

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