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Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Neutral Testimony regarding HB 2202
Submitted on behalf of the Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation
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Thank you Chairman Hawkins for this opportunity to offer testimony on behalf of the Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation (KPSC) regarding HB 2202 pertaining to service provider audits under the Kansas program of medical assistance.

Pharmacy providers received protections against unfair service provider audits by action of the Kansas Legislature in 2011. Those protections can be found at K.S.A 65-16,121-16,124. For many years Pharmacists have shared in the growing frustrations about unfair audit practices expressed by the Dentists who testified in support of HB 2202. A thorough discussion by your committee of how these audits are supposed to work, and what providers are actually subjected to, would make for a great informational hearing in your committee.

If your committee decides to work this bill, we ask that you exclude pharmacists from the category of providers that the bill would apply to. Pharmacists are generally happy with the language contained in K.S.A 65-16,121 et seq and would prefer to not have our current law superceded by this bill.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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