

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 1:05 p.m. on April 1, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gerald Schneider, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Department of Human Resources  
Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging  
Maria Russo, President, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2612--State finances, biennial budget estimates**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Gerald Schneider, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Department of Human Resources, appeared as a conferee regarding **HB 2612** (Attachment 1). Mr. Schneider mentioned that the flow of federal funding would require the Department of Human Resources to submit an extensive revised budget during the odd years to reflect the latest figures. He also noted that they believed that the amount of legislative staff and hearing work would increase; nevertheless, they are open to new approaches and they stand ready to move forward as a biennial budget agency if it is the desire of the Legislature.

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2612**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2613--Joint estimates of revenue to state general fund**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

There were no conferees to come before the Committee and the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2613**. Committee discussion followed regarding **HB 2613**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the original language from **HB 2612** into **HB 2613** and move **HB 2613** favorable as amended. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Barone moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to bring all of the provisions of **HB 2612** as amended by House Committee of the Whole into **HB 2613**. Committee discussion followed. A vote was taken on the substitute motion by Senator Barone and the motion failed. A vote was taken on the original motion by Senator Kerr to move **HB 2613** favorable as amended and that motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2764—Kansas senior care act, amendments relating to allocations for area agencies on aging**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging, testified in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 2). Secretary Hubbell explained that the 2001 Kansas Legislature directed the Kansas Department on Aging to combine all State General Fund in-home service programs under the Department into one funding stream. The Department on Aging responded by reviewing the issues to combine the programs into one program. This resulted in the recommendation to combine the Income Eligible, Senior Care Act, Custom Care, SGF Case Management and Environmental Modification programs into one program entitled the Senior Care Act (SCA).

Maria Russo, President, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association, testified in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 3). Ms. Russo mentioned that they are in complete support of the statute changes presented in **HB 2764**, as amended.

Written testimony was submitted by the Kansas State Nurses Association in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 4).

Chairman Morris thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2764**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **HB 2764** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2002.

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST

DATE April 1, 2002

NAME	REPRESENTING
Julie Thomas	DOB
Maria Russo	KS Assoc Agencies on Aging
Stuart Little	KS Assoc. Agencies on Aging
BOB HAYES	HCSE
Shannon Jones	SILEK
Jay Arnold	Coalition for Independence
Rebecca Reed	KS Dept of Agriculture
Harold Schreiber	KDHR
Janis DeBoer	KDMA
Sheli Sweeney	KDUA
Connie Hubbell	KDUA
Janis DeBoer	KDMA

## Testimony to Senate Way and Means Committee

**Monday, April 1, 2002**

By Gerald Schneider

Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Department of Human Resources

Esteemed committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today and talk about our agency inclusion into a biennial budget cycle. The Legislative Budget Committee report states that the state will move in a slow and caution matter in the direction of a biennial budget. We can only assume that due to our relative small amount of State General Fund that KDHR was identified as a candidate to include a larger state agency into this process. From discussions with agencies already on the biennial cycle, the even year two-year budget does take more work and effort. At KDHR we believe due to the complexity and variety of our programming and funding that the odd year budget will probably entail as much work and time to complete. We have federal programs on the state fiscal year and we have several federal programs on the federal fiscal year (Oct. to Sept.). The flow of federal funding would require KDHR to submit an extensive revised budget during the odd years to reflect the latest figures. We believe the amount of Legislative staff and hearing work will increase. Nevertheless, we are open to new approaches and stand ready to move forward as a biennial budget agency if that is the desire of the Legislature.

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# State of Kansas Department on Aging

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Senate Ways and Means Committee

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### **House Bill 2764-Senior Care Act Statute Changes**

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**REPORT TO THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
BY CONNIE HUBBELL, SECRETARY  
KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING  
April 1, 2002**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on the Senior Care Act statute as amended in House Bill 2764. I am Connie Hubbell, Secretary of Aging.

The 2001 Kansas Legislature directed the Kansas Department on Aging to combine all State General Funded in-home service programs under the Department into one funding stream.

The Department on Aging responded by reviewing the issues to combine the programs into one program. The resulted in the recommendation to combine the Income Eligible, Senior Care Act, Custom Care, SGF Case Management, and Environmental Modification programs into one program entitled the Senior Care Act (SCA).

Positive outcomes obtainable by combining the State General Fund programs include:

- Case Management services will be more accessible.
- The provider pool will be larger.
- Customers will maintain the same providers regardless of their income.
- The provider billing process will be streamlined.
- The KDOA administrative processes will be streamlined.
- The Secretary will appropriate matching dollars to Area Agencies on Aging who currently receive funds from local units of government or who will receive new funds from local units of government.

To accomplish the consolidation of programs, it is necessary to amend the current Senior Care Act statute, K.S.A. 75-5928 through K.S.A. 75-5933. House Bill 2764 addresses the changes.

**Attachment A** outlines a comparison of the current Senior Care Act and Income Eligible programs to the proposed Senior Care Act Program.

The Senior Care Act program will continue to provide homemaker services, chore services, attendant care services, and case management services in the customer's home. The program serves individuals who are 60 years of age or older. Customers will have a required co-payment for services. The co-payment will be based on a sliding fee scale determined by self-reported income and liquid assets. See **Attachment B** for the DRAFT Senior Care Act sliding fee scale.

The Senior Care Act, as amended in HB 2764, will provide a seamless system, with one set of eligibility criteria. Funds will be appropriated as one budget item.

The current Senior Care Act program requires match and customers are required to pay a share of the case management services. Consequently, fewer customers access case management under the program. Since case management will be exempt from the sliding fee scale in the proposed Senior Care Act, this should increase access to case management services, without increasing costs to the State.

Currently, there are a limited number of providers who deliver Senior Care Act services. Once the programs are combined, providers may be more willing to deliver services. Providers may realize an economy of scale with the new program. Also, billing and reporting processes will be streamlined, thereby allowing providers to realize even more efficiencies.

The Kansas Department on Aging funds SCA services through the AAAs. The combined SCA program expended \$8,051,936 SGF for services in FY 2001. The KDOA FY 2002 budget includes \$8,062,974 for the Senior Care Act program. The Department's budget includes \$8.5 million for the SCA program in FY 2003 to serve an estimated 7,302 seniors at an average cost per customer per year of \$1,158.

Combining all of KDOA's State General Funded programs into the Senior Care Act Program will be an advantage to customers, making it easier to access services. It will also be an advantage to service providers, in decreasing administrative processes. In addition, funds generated by co-payments from customers may increase, since income and liquid assets will be considered.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to brief you on the important work KDOA is doing for Kansas seniors. I will now stand for questions.

Income Eligible Program Today	Senior Care Act Program Today	Senior Care Act 2003
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>		
Age - 60 Years of Age or Older	Age - 60 Years of Age or Older	Age - 60 Years of Age or Older
Resident - of the State of Kansas	Resident - of the State of Kansas	Resident - of the State of Kansas
Financial - Income Below 150% of Poverty	Financial - None	Financial - None
<p>Functional - The customer has impairment in a minimum of two (2) Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) with a minimum combined weight of six (6); and impairment in a minimum of three (3) Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) with a minimum combined weight of nine (9); and a total minimum level of care weight of 26; OR The customer has a total minimum weight of 26, with at least 12 of the 26 being IADL points and the remaining 14 being any combination of IADL, ADL, and/or Risk Factor points.</p>	<p>Functional - Impairment in at least one ADL or IADL</p>	<p>Functional - The customer has impairment in a minimum of two (2) Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) with a minimum combined weight of six (6); and impairment in a minimum of three (3) Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) with a minimum combined weight of nine (9); and a total minimum level of care weight of 26; OR The customer has a total minimum weight of 26, with at least 12 of the 26 being IADL points and the remaining 14 being any combination of IADL, ADL, and/or Risk Factor points.</p> <p><i>Current customers having scores of less than this will be grandfathered.</i></p>
<b>Service Provision</b>		
<p>Case Management - Provided from either State General Fund Case Management or Income Eligible Funds.</p>	<p>Case Management - Provided from either State General Fund Case Management or Senior Care Act Funds, which require a customer co-pay.</p>	<p>Case Management - will be provided from the Senior Care Act program. Case Management will not require a customer co-pay and does not need to meet the functional score to receive services.</p>
<p>Maximum expenditure per customer - \$1,445 per month, excluding Assessment and Case Management.</p>	<p>Maximum expenditure per customer - \$1,445 per month, excluding Case Management.</p>	<p>Maximum expenditure per customer - \$1,445 per month, excluding Assessment, Case Management and one time services.</p>



Income Eligible Program Today	Senior Care Act Program Today	Senior Care Act 2003
<b>Match</b>		
<p>Program income, generated from a sliding fee scale, provides additional funds for this program.</p>	<p>\$1 of matching funds or in-kind resources for every \$ 2 of state funds is required. Program income can be used to meet the matching funds. Service providers can also provide matching funds.</p>	<p>Local units of government shall maintain the funding level provided directly to area agencies on aging for match. The secretary shall establish the ratio for match in rules and regulations.</p> <p>A portion of the appropriation determined by the secretary may be allocated (incentive allocation) to area agencies on aging that receive matching funds in excess of the amounts required above. The secretary shall establish the ratio for match in rules and regulations.</p> <p>Program income will be generated from a sliding fee scale, and will be a source of additional funds for this program.</p>
<b>Sliding Fee Scale</b>		
<p>Income information is used to determine the amount the customer pays on the sliding fee scale.</p>	<p>Income information is used to determine the amount the customer pays on the sliding fee scale.</p>	<p>Income and Liquid asset information will determine the amount the customer will pay on the sliding fee scale.</p>
<p>January 23, 2002</p>		

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**KANSAS**  
DEPARTMENT ON AGING

**MEMO**

O F F I C E

**To:** Janis DeBoer  
**From:** Cindy Lane, In-Home Program Manager  
**Subject:** Proposed Sliding Fee Scale  
**Date:** March 29, 2002

Find attached the draft sliding fee scales. The scale will be adjusted as soon as we receive the poverty guidelines that are to be used for the upcoming year.

To use the scale you determine the family size and match the person's income to their liquid assets to determine the percentage they will pay of the services they receive. For instance if one person has an income of \$1,000 a month and liquid assets of \$45,000 they would pay 40% of all the services they receive. This would equate to \$4.00 for every \$10.00 of service they receive.

We welcome your input. Please contact me at (785)296-6448 if you have any questions or comments.

SCA SLIDING FEE SCALE

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			LIQUID ASSETS																
1 Person Household			0-10,000	10,001-20,000	20,001-30,000	30,001-40,000	40,001-50,000	50,001-60,000	60,001-70,000	70,001-80,000	80,001-90,000	90,001-100,000	100,001-110,000	110,001-120,000	120,001-and Above	1 Person Household			
INCOME	0	to	807	Donation	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	0	to	807
	808	to	907	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90		808	to	907
	908	to	1,007	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	908		to	1,007	
	1,008	to	1,107	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	1,008		to	1,107	
	1,108	to	1,207	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	1,108		to	1,207	
	1,208	to	1,307	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	1,208		to	1,307	
	1,308	to	1,407	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,308		to	1,407	
	1,408	to	1,507	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,408		to	1,507	
	1,508	to	1,607	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,508		to	1,607	
	1,608	to	1,707	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,608		to	1,707	
	1,708	to	1,807	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,708		to	1,807	
	1,808	to	1,907	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	1,808		to	1,907	
1,908	and	Above	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,908	and	Above		
			LIQUID ASSETS																
2 Person Household			0-10,000	10,001-20,000	20,001-30,000	30,001-40,000	40,001-50,000	50,001-60,000	60,001-70,000	70,001-80,000	80,001-90,000	90,001-100,000	100,001-110,000	110,001-120,000	120,001-and Above	2 Person Household			
INCOME	0	to	1,192	Donation	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	0	to	1,192
	1,193	to	1,292	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90		1,193	to	1,292
	1,293	to	1,392	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90		1,293	to	1,392
	1,393	to	1,492	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90		1,393	to	1,492
	1,493	to	1,592	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90		1,493	to	1,592
	1,593	to	1,692	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90		1,593	to	1,692
	1,693	to	1,792	40	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		1,693	to	1,792
	1,793	to	1,892	50	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		1,793	to	1,892
	1,893	to	1,992	60	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		1,893	to	1,992
	1,993	to	2,092	70	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		1,993	to	2,092
	2,093	to	2,192	80	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		2,093	to	2,192
	2,193	to	2,292	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90		2,193	to	2,292
2,293	and	Above	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	2,293	and	Above		

sliding fee scale

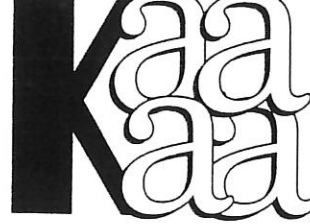
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		LIQUID ASSETS																	
INCOME	3 Person Household			0-10,000	10,001-20,000	20,001-30,000	30,001-40,000	40,001-50,000	50,001-60,000	60,001-70,000	70,001-80,000	80,001-90,000	90,001-100,000	100,001-110,000	110,001-120,000	120,001-and Above	3 Person Household		
	0	to	1,577	Donation	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90		0	to	1,577
	1,578	to	1,677	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90			1,578	to	1,677
	1,678	to	1,777	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90				1,678	to	1,777
	1,778	to	1,877	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90					1,778	to	1,877
	1,878	to	1,977	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90						1,878	to	1,977
	1,978	to	2,077	30	40	50	60	70	80	90							1,978	to	2,077
	2,078	to	2,177	40	50	60	70	80	90								2,078	to	2,177
	2,178	to	2,277	50	60	70	80	90									2,178	to	2,277
	2,278	to	2,377	60	70	80	90										2,278	to	2,377
	2,378	to	2,477	70	80	90											2,378	to	2,477
	2,478	to	2,577	80	90		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		2,478	to	2,577
	2,578	to	2,677	90		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		2,578	to	2,677
	2,678	and	Above	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		2,678	and	Above
LIQUID ASSETS																			
INCOME	4 Person Household			0-10,000	10,001-20,000	20,001-30,000	30,001-40,000	40,001-50,000	50,001-60,000	60,001-70,000	70,001-80,000	80,001-90,000	90,001-100,000	100,001-110,000	110,001-120,000	120,001-and Above	4 Person Household		
	0	to	1,962	Donation	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90		0	to	1,962
	1,963	to	2,062	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90			1,963	to	2,062
	2,063	to	2,162	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90				2,063	to	2,162
	2,163	to	2,262	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90					2,163	to	2,262
	2,263	to	2,362	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90						2,263	to	2,362
	2,363	to	2,462	30	40	50	60	70	80	90							2,363	to	2,462
	2,463	to	2,562	40	50	60	70	80	90								2,463	to	2,562
	2,563	to	2,662	50	60	70	80	90									2,563	to	2,662
	2,663	to	2,762	60	70	80	90										2,663	to	2,762
	2,763	to	2,862	70	80	90											2,763	to	2,862
	2,863	to	2,962	80	90		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		2,863	to	2,962
	2,963	to	3,062	90		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		2,963	to	3,062
	3,063	and	Above	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		3,063	and	Above

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**Testimony to Senate Ways and Means Committee**  
April 1, 2002  
House Bill 2764, As Amended – Senior Care Act Statute Changes

Presented by Maria Russo, President  
**Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association**  
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding House Bill 2764, statute changes to the Senior Care Act.

The 2001 Kansas Legislature directed the Kansas Department on Aging to combine all State General Funded in-home service programs under the Department into one funding stream. This has resulted in combining the Income Eligible, Senior Care Act, Case Management, Custom Care and Environmental Modification programs into one program entitled the Senior Care Act (SCA).

Connie Hubbell, Secretary on Aging, will be outlining for you the benefits of the changes to the program and the corresponding statute changes that are required.

The eleven Area Agencies on Aging within Kansas are the local administrators of the SCA program. As such, we have been very appreciative of the Department's efforts to involve us in the discussions and decisions surrounding these changes. **We are in complete support of the statute changes presented in HB 2764, as amended.**

The Senior Care Act program provides homemaker, chore, attendant care, and case management services in the customer's home. The program serves individuals who are 60 years of age or older, although the majority of customers are over the age of 75. Customers have a required co-payment for services, which is based on a sliding fee scale. Self-reported income and liquid assets determine the fee.

SGF funding for SCA through the Department on Aging is as follows:

FY '01	\$8,051,936
FY '02	\$8,062,974
FY '03 requested	\$8,500,000

**AREA AGENCIES ON AGING:**

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It is estimated that the SCA program will serve approximately 7,302 seniors for FY '03. The cost is projected at an annual average of \$1,158 per senior.

The SCA program targets those most frail seniors who are at risk of institutionalization but who are able to reside in the community because some services are available. The 1997 Senior Care Act evaluation reported 51% of the recipients said the services definitely kept them from entering a nursing home and an additional 46% responded that without the services they could possibly remain at home, but with difficulty

This is a very cost-effective program for Kansas. The KDOA 2000 Annual Report states, "A review of the cost effectiveness... indicated that for every dollar of SGF expended... there was a \$2.41 decrease in the state's financial obligation had the consumer been residing in a Medicaid certified adult care facility."

It is very distressing to hear of the cuts slated for this program. For every **\$1,000,000 that is cut** from this program, **848 seniors will lose services** - the services that are literally keeping them out of nursing homes. However, **when only 36** of those individuals (4% of those removed) **do enter a nursing home**, the cost will be that **\$1,000,000 of expected savings**.

This very unfortunate budget situation has the State gambling at terrible odds. A cut to this program means you are willing to risk that for every **24 seniors removed from SCA services** (at a total cost of \$28,272) **only one of them will enter a nursing home** (at a cost of \$27,720) - and that will only get you to a **break-even point**.

**More than 95% of the clients on this program have said these services are a significant factor in keeping them out of a nursing home. Yet, when only 4% of those seniors whose services are cut do enter a nursing home, there will be absolutely no cost savings.**

I wish you the best of luck in your difficult decisions regarding the budget. I am sure that you are aware of the potential life-altering impact your decisions will have on many of our most frail and vulnerable seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you have.



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April 1, 2002

## HB 2764 Senior Care Act

### *Written Testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee*

The KANSAS STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION supports the State's efforts to economize yet provide the services needed for the elderly in our State. We commend the Department on Aging for submitting these revisions to consolidate Care Plans for Older Adults in Kansas which are funded by the SGF.

Reviewing the outlined changes in the consolidation plan indicates an effort to create a seamless system that will allow beneficiaries to continue with the same providers regardless of their income. The pool of providers is larger because all providers will be available for any of the programs, thereby ensuring needed services available to those living in less densely populated areas of the State. Further, improved coordination of care accessible through less restrictions to case management will assist providers to more totally meet the needs of clients.

The administrative services would be streamlined through the use of similar processes, thereby reducing the cost of reporting and billing.

In order to reduce the cost to the State for services to the clients in programs served by the Department of Aging, reorganization of the Plan is necessary. The KANSAS STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION believes that these suggested changes will help to accomplish a reduction in the cost for care for clients yet provide effective and quality care by more providers.

*Thank you* for the opportunity to offer our support for HB 2764, and we heartily recommend you pass this bill out favorably.

The mission of the Kansas State Nurses Association is to promote professional nursing, to provide a unified voice for nursing in Kansas and to advocate for the health and well-being of all people.

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