

**As Amended by House Committee**

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*Session of 2026*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2702**

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Doug Smith on behalf of the Kansas Academy of Physician  
Associates

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1 AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to physician  
2 assistant practice agreements; providing that applicants for a physician  
3 assistant license submit to a criminal history record check; providing  
4 for the collaboration between a physician and a physician assistant;  
5 requiring the revocation of a physician assistant license under certain  
6 circumstances; amending K.S.A. 65-28,127, 65-28a01, 65-28a02, 65-  
7 28a03, 65-28a04, 65-28a05, 65-28a06, 65-28a08, 65-28a09 and 65-  
8 28a11 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-4714 and repealing the existing  
9 sections.

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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

12 New Section 1. (a) As part of an original application for licensure as a  
13 physician assistant or reinstatement of a license or in connection with any  
14 investigation of any holder of a license or certificate, the state board of  
15 healing arts may require an applicant to be fingerprinted and submit to a  
16 state and national criminal history record check pursuant to K.S.A. 22-  
17 4714, and amendments thereto.

18 (b) The state board of healing arts may fix and collect a fee as may be  
19 required by the board in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for  
20 the cost of conducting the fingerprinting and criminal history record check.  
21 Any moneys collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the  
22 state treasury and credited to the healing arts fee fund.

23 (c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the physician  
24 assistant licensure act.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-4714 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 22-4714. (a) A governmental agency other than a criminal justice  
27 agency as defined in K.S.A. 22-4701, and amendments thereto, identified  
28 in subsection (b) may require a person to be fingerprinted and shall submit  
29 such fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal  
30 bureau of investigation for a search of the state and federal database.  
31 Fingerprints provided pursuant to this section may be used to identify a  
32 person and to determine whether such person has a record of criminal  
33 history in this state or in another jurisdiction. An agency identified in  
34 subsection (b) may use the information obtained from the criminal history

1 record check for the purposes of verifying the identification of a person  
2 and in the official determination of the qualifications and fitness of such  
3 person to be issued or maintain employment, licensure, registration,  
4 certification or a permit, act as an agent of a licensee, hold ownership of a  
5 licensee or serve as a director or officer of a licensee.

6 (b) (1) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal  
7 history record information related to adult convictions, adult non-  
8 convictions, adult diversions, adult expunged records, juvenile  
9 adjudications, juvenile non-adjudications, juvenile diversions and juvenile  
10 expunged records to:

11 (A) The Kansas department for children and families or the Kansas  
12 department for aging and disability services for initial or continuing  
13 employment or participation in any program administered for the  
14 placement, safety, protection or treatment of vulnerable children or adults  
15 as described in K.S.A. 75-53,105, and amendments thereto;

16 (B) the attorney general for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 75-7b01,  
17 and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as described  
18 in K.S.A. 75-7b04 and 75-7b17, and amendments thereto;

19 (C) the attorney general for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 75-7c02,  
20 and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as described  
21 in K.S.A. 75-7c05, and amendments thereto;

22 (D) the attorney general for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 75-7b01,  
23 and amendments thereto, in connection with such application for  
24 certification as described in K.S.A. 75-7b21, and amendments thereto; and

25 (E) the attorney general for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 7e01, and  
26 amendments thereto, in connection with such application as described in  
27 K.S.A. 75-7e03, and amendments thereto.

28 (2) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
29 record information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions,  
30 adult diversions, adult expunged records and juvenile expunged records to:

31 (A) The state lottery for candidates for employees as defined in  
32 K.S.A. 74-8702, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
33 employment as described in K.S.A. 74-8704, and amendments thereto; and

34 (B) the Kansas racing and gaming commission for candidates for  
35 employees or licensees as defined in K.S.A. 74-8802, and amendments  
36 thereto, in connection with such employment or license as described in  
37 K.S.A. 74-8804, and amendments thereto, including an applicant for a  
38 simulcasting license.

39 (3) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
40 record information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions,  
41 adult diversions, adult expunged records, juvenile adjudications, juvenile  
42 non-adjudications and juvenile diversions to:

43 (A) The emergency medical services board for applicants as defined

1 in K.S.A. 65-6129, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
2 application as described in K.S.A. 65-6129, and amendments thereto;

3 (B) the department of administration for candidates for sensitive  
4 employees as defined in K.S.A. 75-3707e, and amendments thereto, in  
5 connection with such employment as described in K.S.A. 75-3707e, and  
6 amendments thereto; and

7 (C) the state gaming agency for candidates for employees and  
8 licensees as defined in K.S.A. 74-9802, and amendments thereto, in  
9 connection with such employment or license as described in K.S.A. 74-  
10 9805, and amendments thereto.

11 (4) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
12 record information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions,  
13 adult diversions and adult expunged records to:

14 (A) The supreme court and state board of law examiners for  
15 applicants as defined in K.S.A. 7-127, and amendments thereto, in  
16 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 7-127, and  
17 amendments thereto; and

18 (B) the commission on peace officers' standards and training for  
19 applicants for certification under the Kansas law enforcement training act  
20 as described in K.S.A. 74-5607, and amendments thereto.

21 (5) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
22 record information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions,  
23 adult diversions and juvenile adjudications to:

24 (A) The athletic commission within the Kansas department of  
25 commerce for a candidate for boxing commission as defined in K.S.A. 74-  
26 50,182, and amendments thereto, in connection with such appointment as  
27 described in K.S.A. 74-50,184, and amendments thereto;

28 (B) the secretary of health and environment for employees at a child  
29 care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-503, and amendments thereto, in  
30 connection with such employment as described in K.S.A. 65-516, and  
31 amendments thereto;

32 (C) the secretary of commerce for final applicants for a sensitive  
33 position or employees in a sensitive position as defined in K.S.A. 2025  
34 Supp. 74-5005a, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
35 employment as described in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-5005a, and  
36 amendments thereto;

37 (D) the secretary of labor for employees as defined in K.S.A. 75-  
38 5702, and amendments thereto, in connection with such employment as  
39 described in K.S.A. 75-5702, and amendments thereto; and

40 (E) the state bank commissioner for any officer, partner, member,  
41 owner, principal or director of an applicant or registrant in connection with  
42 such application or registration as described in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-2411,  
43 and amendments thereto.

1       (6) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
2 record information related to adult convictions and juvenile adjudications  
3 to:

4       (A) The secretary for aging and disability services for applicants as  
5 defined in K.S.A. 39-970, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
6 such application as described in K.S.A. 39-970, and amendments thereto;

7       (B) the Kansas department for aging and disability services for  
8 applicants as defined in K.S.A. 39-2009, and amendments thereto, in  
9 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 39-2009, and  
10 amendments thereto; and

11      (C) the secretary for aging and disability services for applicants as  
12 defined in K.S.A. 65-5117, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
13 such application as described in K.S.A. 65-5117, and amendments thereto.

14      (7) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
15 record information related to adult convictions and adult non-convictions  
16 to:

17       (A) The division of motor vehicles within the department of revenue  
18 for applicants for reinstatement of a license to drive a commercial motor  
19 vehicle as described in K.S.A. 8-2,142, and amendments thereto;

20       (B) the board of examiners in optometry for applicants or licensees as  
21 defined in K.S.A. 65-1501, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
22 such application or an investigation as described in K.S.A. 65-1505, and  
23 amendments thereto;

24       (C) the board of pharmacy for fingerprint candidates as defined in  
25 K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
26 application or license as described in K.S.A. 65-1696, and amendments  
27 thereto;

28       (D) the state board of healing arts for applicants or licensees as  
29 defined in K.S.A. 65-2802, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
30 such application or an investigation as described in K.S.A. 65-28,129, and  
31 amendments thereto;

32       (E) the state board of healing arts for applicants or licensees as  
33 defined in K.S.A. 65-2901, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
34 such application or an investigation as described in K.S.A. 65-2924, and  
35 amendments thereto;

36       (F) the board of nursing for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 74-1112,  
37 and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as described  
38 in K.S.A. 74-1112, and amendments thereto;

39       (G) the behavioral sciences regulatory board for licensees as defined  
40 in K.S.A. 74-7511, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
41 application or license as described in K.S.A. 74-7511, and amendments  
42 thereto;

43       (H) the state lottery for a vendor to whom a major procurement

1 contract is to be awarded in connection with an investigation as described  
2 in K.S.A. 74-8705, and amendments thereto;

3 (I) the attorney general for appointees of the governor to positions  
4 subject to confirmation by the senate and judicial appointees as described  
5 in K.S.A. 75-712, and amendments thereto;

6 (J) appointing authorities as defined in K.S.A. 75-4315d, and  
7 amendments thereto, for nongubernatorial appointees as described in  
8 K.S.A. 75-4315d, and amendments thereto;

9 (K) the Kansas real estate commission for applicants as defined in  
10 K.S.A. 58-3035, and amendments thereto, or for licensees as defined in  
11 K.S.A. 58-3035, and amendments thereto, in connection with an  
12 investigation as described in K.S.A. 58-3039, and amendments thereto;

13 (L) the insurance commissioner for applicants for licensure as an  
14 insurance agent as defined in K.S.A. 40-4902, and amendments thereto, in  
15 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 40-4905, and  
16 amendments thereto;

17 (M) the insurance commissioner for applicants as defined in K.S.A.  
18 40-5501, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
19 described in K.S.A. 40-5505, and amendments thereto; and

20 (N) the state bank commissioner for applicants in control of a  
21 licensee, licensees or key individuals as defined in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-  
22 555, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
23 described in K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-565, and amendments thereto; and

24 (O) *the state board of healing arts for applicants or licensees as  
25 defined in K.S.A. 65-28a01, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
26 such application or investigation pursuant to section 1, and amendments  
27 thereto.*

28 (8) The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release criminal history  
29 record information related to adult convictions to:

30 (A) The department of agriculture for hemp employees as defined in  
31 K.S.A. 2-3901, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
32 employment as described in K.S.A. 2-3902, and amendments thereto;

33 (B) the department of agriculture for applicants for licensure as a  
34 hemp producer as defined in K.S.A. 2-3901, and amendments thereto, in  
35 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 2-3906, and  
36 amendments thereto;

37 (C) the office of state fire marshal for applicants for registration as a  
38 hemp processor as defined in K.S.A. 2-3901, and amendments thereto, in  
39 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 2-3907, and  
40 amendments thereto;

41 (D) the department of agriculture for hemp destruction employees as  
42 defined in K.S.A. 2-3901, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
43 such employment as described in K.S.A. 2-3911, and amendments thereto;

1       (E) the bank commissioner for any applicant as defined in K.S.A. 9-  
2 508, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
3 described in K.S.A. 9-509, and amendments thereto;

4       (F) the bank commissioner for an applicant for employment as a new  
5 executive officer or director with a money transmitter company as  
6 described in K.S.A. 9-513e, and amendments thereto;

7       (G) the bank commissioner for any applicant as defined in K.S.A. 9-  
8 1719, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
9 described in K.S.A. 9-1722, and amendments thereto;

10      (H) the bank commissioner for an applicant, registrant or licensee as  
11 defined in K.S.A. 9-2201, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
12 such application, registration or license as described in K.S.A. 9-2209, and  
13 amendments thereto;

14      (I) the state banking board for any officer, director or organizer of a  
15 proposed fiduciary financial institution as defined in K.S.A. 9-2301, and  
16 amendments thereto, in connection with such role as described in K.S.A.  
17 9-2302, and amendments thereto;

18      (J) municipalities for applicants for merchant or security police as  
19 described in K.S.A. 12-1679, and amendments thereto;

20      (K) the bank commissioner for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 16a-6-  
21 104, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
22 described in K.S.A. 16a-6-104, and amendments thereto;

23      (L) the state department of credit unions for every candidate as  
24 defined in K.S.A. 17-2234, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
25 such employment as described in K.S.A. 17-2234, and amendments  
26 thereto;

27      (M) the division of alcoholic beverage control within the department  
28 of revenue for applicants as defined in K.S.A. 41-102, and amendments  
29 thereto, in connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 41-  
30 311b, and amendments thereto;

31      (N) the division of post audit for employees as defined in K.S.A. 46-  
32 1103, and amendments thereto, in connection with such employment as  
33 described in K.S.A. 46-1103, and amendments thereto;

34      (O) the bank commissioner for licensees as defined in K.S.A. 50-  
35 1126, and amendments thereto, in connection with such license as  
36 described in K.S.A. 50-1128, and amendments thereto;

37      (P) the real estate appraisal board for licensees as defined in K.S.A.  
38 58-4102, and amendments thereto, in connection with an application or  
39 investigation as described in K.S.A. 58-4127, and amendments thereto;

40      (Q) the real estate appraisal board for applicants as defined in K.S.A.  
41 58-4703, and amendments thereto, in connection with such application as  
42 described in K.S.A. 58-4709, and amendments thereto;

43      (R) the department of health and environment for an employee as

1 defined in K.S.A. 65-2401, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
2 such employment as described in K.S.A. 65-2402, and amendments  
3 thereto;

4 (S) the Kansas office of veterans services for candidates as defined in  
5 K.S.A. 73-1210a, and amendments thereto, in connection with an  
6 application as described in K.S.A. 73-1210a, and amendments thereto;

7 (T) a senate standing committee for a member named, appointed or  
8 elected to the public employee retirement systems board of trustee  
9 membership as described in K.S.A. 74-4905, and amendments thereto;

10 (U) the department of revenue for employees as defined in K.S.A. 75-  
11 5133c, and amendments thereto, in connection with such employment as  
12 described in K.S.A. 75-5133c, and amendments thereto;

13 (V) the division of motor vehicles within the department of revenue  
14 for employees as defined in K.S.A. 75-5156, and amendments thereto, in  
15 connection with such employment as described in K.S.A. 75-5156, and  
16 amendments thereto;

17 (W) the Kansas commission for the deaf and hard of hearing for  
18 applicants as defined in K.S.A. 75-5397f, and amendments thereto, in  
19 connection with such application as described in K.S.A. 75-5393a, and  
20 amendments thereto;

21 (X) the Kansas commission for the deaf and hard of hearing for  
22 employees as defined in K.S.A. 75-5397f, and amendments thereto, in  
23 connection with such employment as described in K.S.A. 75-5393c, and  
24 amendments thereto;

25 (Y) the department of health and environment for employees as  
26 defined in K.S.A. 75-5609a, and amendments thereto, in connection with  
27 such employment as described in K.S.A. 75-5609a, and amendments  
28 thereto; and

29 (Z) an executive branch agency head for employees as defined in  
30 K.S.A. 75-7241, and amendments thereto, in connection with such  
31 employment as described in K.S.A. 75-7241, and amendments thereto.

32 (c) State and local law enforcement agencies shall assist with taking  
33 fingerprints of individuals as authorized by this section.

34 (d) Any board, commission, committee or other public body shall  
35 recess into a closed executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319, and  
36 amendments thereto, to receive and discuss criminal history record  
37 information obtained pursuant to this section.

38 (e) The Kansas bureau of investigation may charge a reasonable fee  
39 for conducting a criminal history record check.

40 (f) (1) Fingerprints and criminal history record information received  
41 pursuant to this section shall be confidential and shall not be subject to the  
42 provisions of the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and  
43 amendments thereto. The provisions of this paragraph shall expire on July

1 1, 2029, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant  
2 to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2029.

3 (2) Disclosure or use of any information received pursuant to this  
4 section for any purpose other than the purpose described in this section  
5 shall be a class A nonperson misdemeanor and shall constitute grounds for  
6 removal from office.

7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-28,127 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
8 28,127. (a) Every *collaborating*, supervising or responsible licensee who  
9 *collaborates with*, directs, supervises, orders, refers, accepts responsibility  
10 for, enters into written agreements or practice protocols with, or who  
11 delegates acts which constitute the practice of the healing arts to other  
12 persons shall:

13 (1) Be actively engaged in the practice of the healing arts in Kansas;  
14 (2) review and keep current any required written *or electronic*  
15 agreements or practice protocols between the *collaborating*, supervising or  
16 responsible licensee and such persons, as may be determined by the board;  
17 (3) *collaborate with*, direct, supervise, order, refer, enter into a written  
18 *or electronic* agreement or practice protocol with, or delegate to such  
19 persons only those acts and functions—*which that* the *collaborating*,  
20 supervising or responsible licensee knows or has reason to believe can be  
21 competently performed by such person and is not in violation of any other  
22 statute or regulation;

23 (4) *collaborate with*, direct, supervise, order, refer, enter into a written  
24 *or electronic* agreement or practice protocol with, or delegate to other  
25 persons only those acts and functions—*which that* are within the normal and  
26 customary specialty, competence and lawful practice of the *collaborating*,  
27 supervising or responsible licensee;

28 (5) provide for a qualified, substitute licensee who accepts  
29 responsibility for the direction, supervision, delegation and written *or*  
30 *electronic* agreements or practice protocols with such persons when the  
31 supervising or responsible licensee is temporarily absent; and

32 (6) comply with all rules and regulations of the board establishing  
33 limits and conditions on the *collaboration*, delegation and supervision of  
34 services constituting the practice of medicine and surgery.

35 (b) "Responsible licensee" means a person licensed by the state board  
36 of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery or chiropractic who has  
37 accepted responsibility for the actions of persons who perform acts  
38 pursuant to written agreements or practice protocols with, or at the order  
39 of, or referral, direction, supervision or delegation from such responsible  
40 licensee.

41 (c) Except as otherwise provided by rules and regulations of the  
42 board implementing this section, the physician assistant licensure act shall  
43 govern the ~~direction and~~ supervision of *and collaboration with* physician

1 assistants by persons licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice  
2 medicine and surgery.

3 (d) Nothing in subsection (a)(4) shall be construed to prohibit a person  
4 licensed to practice medicine and surgery from ordering, authorizing or directing  
5 anesthesia care by a registered nurse anesthetist pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1158, and amendments thereto.

6 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person  
7 licensed to practice medicine and surgery from ordering, authorizing or  
8 directing physical therapy services pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2901 et seq., and  
9 amendments thereto.

10 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person  
11 licensed to practice medicine and surgery from entering into a co-  
12 management relationship with an optometrist pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1501  
13 et seq., and amendments thereto.

14 (g) The board may adopt rules and regulations establishing limits and  
15 conditions on the *collaboration*, delegation and supervision of services  
16 constituting the practice of medicine and surgery.

17 (h) As used in this section, "supervising physician"—~~shall have the~~  
18 ~~meaning ascribed thereto~~ means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-28a02,  
19 and amendments thereto.

20 (i) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas  
21 healing arts act.

22 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-28a01 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
23 28a01. K.S.A. 65-28a01 to 65-28a12, inclusive, and amendments thereto,  
24 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the physician assistant *and*  
25 physician associate licensure act.

26 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-28a02 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
27 28a02. (a) ~~The following words and phrases when~~ As used in the physician  
28 assistant *and* physician associate licensure act shall have the meanings  
29 respectively ascribed to them in this section:

30 (1) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

31 (2) "~~Direction and supervision~~" means the guidance, direction and  
32 coordination of activities of a physician assistant by such physician-  
33 assistant's supervising physician, whether written or verbal, whether  
34 immediate or by prior arrangement, in accordance with standards  
35 established by the board by rules and regulations, which standards shall be  
36 designed to ensure adequate direction and supervision by the supervising  
37 physician of the physician assistant. The term "~~direction and supervision~~"  
38 shall not be construed to mean that the immediate or physical presence of  
39 the supervising physician is required during the performance of the  
40 physician assistant "*Collaboration*" means consultation or referral to the  
41 appropriate member of the healthcare team, as indicated by the patient's  
42 condition, the education, experience and competencies of the physician

1     assistant and the standard of care. Collaboration does not require the  
2     personal presence of a physician at the time or place the physician  
3     assistant provides care.

4         (3) "Collaborating physician" means a physician who is engaged in a  
5     practice agreement in which the physician and physician assistant  
6     collaborate to use their complementary training, skill, knowledge, and  
7     experience to provide patient care.

8         (4) "Licensee" means all persons issued a license or temporary  
9     license pursuant to the physician assistant and physician associate  
10    licensure act.

11         (5) "License" means any license or temporary license issued  
12    pursuant to the physician assistant and physician associate licensure act.

13         (6) "Healthcare services" means services provided by a physician  
14     assistant licensed pursuant to the physician assistant and physician  
15     associate licensure act.

16         (7) "Practice agreement" means a written or electronic document  
17     that describes the manner in which a physician assistant will provide  
18     healthcare services in accordance with the provisions of the physician  
19     assistant and physician associate licensure act.

20         (8) "Physician" means any person licensed by the state board of  
21     healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.

22         (4)(9) "Physician assistant" or "physician associate" means a person  
23     who is licensed to provide healthcare services in accordance with the  
24     provisions of K.S.A. 65-28a04, and amendments thereto, ~~and who~~  
25     provides patient services under the direction and supervision of a  
26     supervising physician.

27         (10) "Supervision" means overseeing the activities and healthcare  
28     services rendered by a physician assistant. The constant physical presence  
29     of the physician is not required if the physician and physician assistant  
30     can easily communicate through telecommunication.

31         (5)(11) "Supervising physician" means prior to January 11, 2016, a  
32     responsible physician and on and after January 11, 2016, a physician who  
33     has accepted responsibility for the medical services rendered and actions  
34     of the physician assistant while performing under the direction and  
35     supervision of the supervising physician a physician who has accepted  
36     responsibility for the healthcare services rendered by and actions of the  
37     physician assistant while performing under the direction and supervision  
38     of such supervising physician.

39         (6) "Responsible physician" means a physician who has accepted  
40     continuous and ultimate responsibility for the medical services rendered  
41     and actions of the physician assistant while performing under the direction  
42     and supervision of the responsible physician.

43         (7) "Licensee," for purposes of the physician assistant licensure act,

1 means all persons issued a license or temporary license pursuant to the  
2 physician assistant licensure act.

3 (8) "License," for purposes of the physician assistant licensure act,  
4 means any license or temporary license granted by the physician assistant  
5 licensure act.

6 (9) "Agreement" means, prior to January 11, 2016, protocol and on  
7 and after January 11, 2016, agreement.

8 (b) Prior to January 11, 2016, wherever the term "supervising  
9 physician" in connection with the term "physician assistant," or words of  
10 like effect, appears in any statute, contract or other document, it shall mean  
11 responsible physician as defined in subsection (a)(6). On and after January  
12 11, 2016, such term shall mean supervising physician as defined in  
13 subsection (a)(5).

14 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-28a03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
15 28a03. (a) There is hereby created a designation of active license. The  
16 board is authorized to issue an active license to a physician assistant who  
17 makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board  
18 and remits the fee for an active license established pursuant to subsection  
19 (h). As a condition of engaging in active practice as a physician assistant,  
20 each licensed physician assistant shall file a request to engage in active  
21 practice signed by the physician assistant and the physician who will be  
22 responsible for the physician assistant. The request *application* shall  
23 contain such information as required by rules and regulations adopted by  
24 the board. The board shall maintain a list of the names of physician  
25 assistants who may engage in active practice in this state.

26 (b) All licenses, except temporary licenses, *as provided pursuant to*  
27 K.S.A. 65-28a07, and amendments thereto, shall be canceled on the date of  
28 cancellation established by rules and regulations of the board and may be  
29 renewed as required by the board. The request for renewal shall be on a  
30 form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the renewal fee  
31 established pursuant to this section, which shall be paid not later than the  
32 renewal date of the license. The board, prior to renewal of an active  
33 license, shall require the licensee to submit to the board evidence  
34 satisfactory to the board that the licensee is maintaining a policy of  
35 professional liability insurance as required by K.S.A. 40-3402, and  
36 amendments thereto, and has paid the premium surcharges as required by  
37 K.S.A. 40-3404, and amendments thereto.

38 (c) At least 30 days before the renewal date of the license of a  
39 physician assistant, except a temporary license, *as provided pursuant to*  
40 K.S.A. 65-28a07, and amendments thereto, the board shall notify the  
41 licensee of the renewal date by mail addressed to the licensee's last mailing  
42 address as noted upon the office records of the board. If the licensee fails  
43 to submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee by the renewal

1 date of the license, the licensee shall be given notice that the licensee has  
2 failed to pay the renewal fee by the renewal date of the license and the  
3 license may be renewed only if the renewal fee and the late renewal fee are  
4 received by the board within the 30-day period following the renewal date  
5 and that, if both fees are not received within the 30-day period, the license  
6 shall be deemed canceled by operation of law without further proceedings  
7 for failure to renew and shall be reissued only after the license has been  
8 reinstated under subsection (d).

9 (d) Any license canceled for failure to renew as herein provided may  
10 be reinstated upon recommendation of the board and upon payment of the  
11 reinstatement fee and upon submitting evidence of satisfactory completion  
12 of any applicable continuing education requirements established by the  
13 board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate  
14 continuing education requirements for reinstatement of licenses canceled  
15 for failure to renew.

16 (e) There is hereby created the designation of inactive license. The  
17 board is authorized to issue an inactive license to any licensee who makes  
18 written application for such license on a form provided by the board and  
19 remits the fee for an inactive license established pursuant to subsection (h)  
20 ~~of this section~~. The board may issue an inactive license only to a person  
21 who meets all the requirements for a license to practice as a physician  
22 assistant and who does not engage in active practice as a physician  
23 assistant in the state of Kansas. An inactive license shall not entitle the  
24 holder to engage in active practice. The provisions of subsections (c) and  
25 (d)~~of this section~~ relating to cancellation, renewal and reinstatement of a  
26 license shall be applicable to an inactive license issued under this  
27 subsection. Each inactive licensee may apply to engage in active practice  
28 by presenting a request required by subsection (a) and submit to the board  
29 evidence satisfactory to the board that such licensee is maintaining a  
30 policy of professional liability insurance as required by K.S.A. 40-3402,  
31 and amendments thereto, and has paid the premium surcharges as required  
32 by K.S.A. 40-3404, and amendments thereto. The request shall contain  
33 such information as required by rules and regulations adopted by the  
34 board. The request shall be accompanied by the fee established pursuant to  
35 subsection (h).

36 (f) (1) There is hereby created a designation of federally active  
37 license. The board is authorized to issue a federally active license to any  
38 licensed physician assistant who makes written application for such license  
39 on a form provided by the board and remits the same fee required for a  
40 federally active license established under subsection (h). The board may  
41 issue a federally active license only to a person who meets all of the  
42 requirements for a license to practice as a physician assistant in Kansas  
43 and who practices as a physician assistant solely in the course of

1 employment or active duty in the United States government or any of its  
2 departments, bureaus or agencies. A person issued a federally active  
3 license may engage in limited practice outside of the course of federal  
4 employment consistent with the scope of practice of exempt licensees  
5 under subsection (g), except that the scope of practice of a federally active  
6 licensee shall be limited to the following:

7 (A) Performing administrative functions, including peer review,  
8 disability determinations, utilization review and expert opinions;

9 (B) providing direct patient-care *healthcare* services gratuitously or  
10 providing supervision, direction or consultation for no compensation  
11 except that nothing in this subsection (f)(1)(B) subparagraph shall prohibit  
12 a physician assistant issued a federally active license from receiving  
13 payment for subsistence allowances or actual and necessary expenses  
14 incurred in providing such services; and

15 (C) rendering professional *healthcare* services as a charitable-health  
16 care *healthcare* provider as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments  
17 thereto.

18 (2) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section relating to  
19 continuing education, cancellation, renewal and reinstatement of a license  
20 shall be applicable to a federally active license issued under this  
21 subsection.

22 (3) A person who practices under a federally active license shall not  
23 be deemed to be rendering professional service as a health-care *healthcare*  
24 provider in this state for purposes of K.S.A. 40-3402, and amendments  
25 thereto.

26 (g) (1) There is hereby created a designation of exempt license. The  
27 board is authorized to issue an exempt license to any licensed physician  
28 assistant who makes written application for such license on a form  
29 provided by the board and remits the fee for an exempt license established  
30 under subsection (h). The board may issue an exempt license to a person  
31 who is not regularly engaged in physician assistant practice in Kansas and  
32 who does not hold oneself out to the public as being professionally  
33 engaged in such practice. An exempt license shall entitle the holder to all  
34 privileges of a physician assistant for which such license is issued. Each  
35 exempt license may be renewed subject to the provisions of this section.  
36 Each exempt licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the physician  
37 assistant licensure act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (g).  
38 The holder of an exempt license may be required to submit evidence of  
39 satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by  
40 this section. The requirements for continuing education for exempt  
41 licensees under this section shall be established by rules and regulations  
42 adopted by the board. Each exempt licensee may apply for an active  
43 license to regularly engage in the practice of a physician assistant upon

1 filing a written application with the board. The request shall be on a form  
2 provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the active license fee  
3 established pursuant to subsection (h).

4 (2) For the licensee whose license has been exempt for less than two  
5 years, the board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate  
6 continuing education requirements for exempt licensees to become  
7 licensed to regularly practice as a physician assistant within Kansas. Any  
8 licensee whose license has been exempt for more than two years and who  
9 has not been in the active practice as a physician assistant or engaged in a  
10 formal educational program since the license has been exempt may be  
11 required to complete such additional testing, training or education as the  
12 board may deem necessary to establish the licensee's present ability to  
13 practice with reasonable skill and safety.

14 (3) Nothing in this subsection (g) shall be construed to prohibit a  
15 person holding an exempt license from serving as a paid employee of:

16 (A) A local health department as defined by K.S.A. 65-241, and  
17 amendments thereto; or

18 (B) an indigent ~~health care~~ healthcare clinic as defined by K.S.A. 75-  
19 6102, and amendments thereto.

20 (h) The following fees shall be fixed by rules and regulations adopted  
21 by the state board of healing arts and shall be collected by the board:

22 (1) For an active license as a physician assistant, the sum of not more  
23 than \$200;

24 (2) for any license by endorsement as a physician assistant, the sum  
25 of not more than \$200;

26 (3) for temporary licensure as a physician assistant, the sum of not  
27 more than \$30;

28 (4) for the renewal of an active license to practice as a physician  
29 assistant, the sum of not more than \$150;

30 (5) for renewal of an inactive license, the sum of not more than \$150;

31 (6) for the late renewal of any license as a physician assistant, the  
32 sum of not more than \$250;

33 (7) for reinstatement of a license canceled for failure to renew, the  
34 sum of not more than \$250;

35 (8) for a certified statement from the board that a physician assistant  
36 is licensed in this state, the sum of not more than \$30;

37 (9) for a federally active license, the sum of not more than \$200;

38 (10) for the exempt license, the sum of not more than \$150;

39 (11) for a copy of the licensure certificate of a physician assistant, the  
40 sum of not more than \$25; and

41 (12) for conversion of an inactive license to an active license to  
42 actively practice as a physician assistant, the sum of not more than \$150.

43 (i) The board shall remit all moneys received by or for the board

1 under the provisions of this act to the state treasurer and such money shall  
2 be deposited in the state treasury, credited to the state general fund and the  
3 healing arts fee fund and expended all in accordance with K.S.A. 65-2855,  
4 and amendments thereto.

5 (j) The board may ~~promulgate~~ *adopt* all necessary rules and  
6 regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act.

7 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 65-28a04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
8 28a04. (a) ~~No person shall be licensed as a physician assistant by~~ The state  
9 ~~board of healing arts unless such person has~~ *may grant a physician*  
10 *assistant license to an applicant who:*

11 (1) ~~Presented to the state board of healing arts proof that the applicant~~  
12 ~~has successfully completed a course of education and training approved by~~  
13 ~~the state board of healing arts for the education and training of a physician~~  
14 ~~assistant or presented to the state board of healing arts proof that the~~  
15 ~~applicant has acquired experience while serving in the armed forces of the~~  
16 ~~United States which experience is equivalent to the minimum experience~~  
17 ~~requirements established by the~~ *Submits an application on forms approved*  
18 *by the state board of healing arts;*

19 (2) ~~passed an examination approved by the state board of healing arts~~  
20 ~~covering subjects incident to the education and training of a physician~~  
21 ~~assistant; and pays the appropriate fees as determined by the board;~~

22 (3) *has successfully completed an educational program for physician*  
23 *assistants or physician associates accredited by the accreditation review*  
24 *commission on education for the physician assistant or, prior to 2001,*  
25 *either by the committee on allied health education and accreditation or the*  
26 *commission on accreditation of allied health education programs;*

27 (4) *has passed the physician assistant national certifying examination*  
28 *administered by the national commission on certification of physician*  
29 *assistants;*

30 (5) *has no license as a physician assistant that is currently under*  
31 *discipline, revocation, suspension or probation for cause resulting from*  
32 *the applicant's practice as a physician assistant, unless the board*  
33 *considers such condition and agrees to licensure; and*

34 (6) *submitted to the state board of healing arts any other information*  
35 *the state board of healing arts deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's*  
36 *qualifications.*

37 (b) *The board may also grant a license to an applicant who:*

38 (1) *Does not meet the educational requirement specified in subsection*  
39 *(a)(3), but who prior to 1986, passed the physician assistant national*  
40 *certifying examination administered by the national commission on*  
41 *certification of physician assistants; and*

42 (2) *presents to the state board of healing arts proof that such*  
43 *applicant has acquired experience while serving in the armed forces of the*

1       *United States which experience is equivalent to the minimum experience*  
2       *requirements established by the state board of healing arts.*

3           (c) The board may refuse to license a person as a physician assistant  
4       upon any of the grounds for which the board may revoke such license.

5           ~~(e)(d)~~ The state board of healing arts shall require every physician  
6       assistant to submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory  
7       completion of a program of continuing education required by the state  
8       board of healing arts. The state board of healing arts by duly adopted rules  
9       and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of  
10      continuing education as soon as possible after the effective date of this act.  
11      In establishing such requirements the state board of healing arts shall  
12      consider any existing programs of continuing education currently being  
13      offered to physician assistants.

14           ~~(d) A person registered to practice as a physician assistant~~  
15       ~~immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be~~  
16       ~~licensed to practice as a physician assistant under this act, and such person~~  
17       ~~shall not be required to file an original application for licensure under this~~  
18       ~~act. Any application for registration filed which has not been granted prior~~  
19       ~~to February 1, 2001, shall be processed as an application for licensure~~  
20       ~~under this act.~~

21      Sec. 8. K.S.A. 65-28a05 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
22      28a05. A licensee's license may be revoked, suspended or limited, or the  
23      licensee may be publicly or privately censured, or an application for a  
24      license or for reinstatement of a license may be denied upon a finding of  
25      the existence of any of the following grounds:

26           (a) The licensee has committed an act of unprofessional conduct as  
27       defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board;

28           (b) the licensee has obtained a license by means of fraud, *deception*,  
29       misrepresentations or concealment of material facts;

30           ~~(c) the licensee has committed an act of professional incompetency as~~  
31       ~~defined by rules and regulations adopted by the board been convicted of a~~  
32       ~~felony, class A misdemeanor or a substantially similar offense in this or~~  
33       ~~another jurisdiction, whether or not such conviction is related to the~~  
34       ~~practice of healing arts, or such licensee has been convicted in a special~~  
35       ~~or general court-martial, whether or not such conviction is related to the~~  
36       ~~practice of healing arts. The board shall revoke a licensee's license~~  
37       ~~following the conviction of a felony, a substantially similar offense in~~  
38       ~~another jurisdiction or a general court-martial occurring on or after July~~  
39       ~~1, 2000, unless a two-thirds majority of the board members present and~~  
40       ~~voting determine by clear and convincing evidence that such licensee will~~  
41       ~~not pose a threat to the public in the capacity of a licensee and that such~~  
42       ~~licensee has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. If a~~  
43       ~~person who has been convicted of a felony or in a general court-martial~~

1     *applies for an original license or to reinstate a canceled license, the*  
2     *application for such person shall be denied unless a two-thirds majority of*  
3     *the board members present and voting on such application determined by*  
4     *clear and convincing evidence that such applicant will not pose a threat to*  
5     *the public in the capacity of a licensee and that such applicant has been*  
6     *sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant public trust;*

7         (d) ~~the licensee has been convicted of a felony;~~  
8         (e) the licensee has violated any provision of this act, and  
9     amendments thereto, *or any other laws governing licensed healthcare*  
10     *professionals or any stipulation or agreement of the board;*

11         (f) the licensee has violated any lawful order or rule and regulation  
12     of the board *or other regulations governing licensed healthcare*  
13     *professionals or any stipulation or agreement of the board;*

14         (g) the licensee has been found to be mentally ill, disabled, not  
15     guilty by reason of insanity, not guilty because the licensee suffers from a  
16     mental disease or defect or is incompetent to stand trial by a court of  
17     competent jurisdiction;

18         (h) the licensee has violated a federal law or regulation relating to  
19     controlled substances;

20         (i) the licensee has failed to report to the board any adverse action  
21     taken against the licensee by another state or licensing jurisdiction, a peer  
22     review body, a ~~health care~~ *healthcare* facility, a professional association or  
23     society, a governmental agency, by a law enforcement agency or a court  
24     for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute  
25     grounds for disciplinary action under this section;

26         (j) the licensee has surrendered a license or authorization to  
27     practice as a physician assistant in another state or jurisdiction, has  
28     surrendered the authority to utilize controlled substances issued by any  
29     state or federal agency, has agreed to a limitation to or restriction of  
30     privileges at any medical care facility or has surrendered the licensee's  
31     membership on any professional staff or in any professional association or  
32     society while under investigation for acts or conduct similar to acts or  
33     conduct which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this  
34     section;

35         (k) the licensee has failed to report to the board the surrender of the  
36     licensee's license or authorization to practice as a physician assistant in  
37     another state or jurisdiction or the surrender of the licensee's membership  
38     on any professional staff or in any professional association or society  
39     while under investigation for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct  
40     which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this section;

41         (l) the licensee has an adverse judgment, award or settlement  
42     against the licensee resulting from a medical liability claim related to acts  
43     or conduct similar to acts or conduct ~~which~~ *that* would constitute grounds

1 for disciplinary action under this section;

2     (m) the licensee has failed to report to the board any adverse  
3 judgment, settlement or award against the licensee resulting from a  
4 medical malpractice liability claim related to acts or conduct similar to acts  
5 or conduct which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under  
6 this section;

7     (n) the licensee's ability to practice with reasonable skill and  
8 safety to patients is impaired by reason of physical or mental illness, or  
9 condition or use of alcohol, drugs or controlled substances. All  
10 information, reports, findings and other records relating to impairment  
11 shall be confidential and not subject to discovery by or release to any  
12 person or entity outside of a board proceeding;

13     (o) the licensee has exceeded or has acted outside the ~~scope of~~  
14 ~~authority given the physician assistant by the supervising physician or by~~  
15 ~~this act practice agreement~~; or

16     (p) the licensee has assisted suicide in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406,  
17 prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5407, and amendments thereto, as  
18 established by any of the following:

19         (1) A copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a  
20 felony in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-  
21 5407, and amendments thereto.

22         (2) A copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for  
23 violating an injunction issued under K.S.A. 60-4404, and amendments  
24 thereto.

25         (3) A copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under  
26 K.S.A. 60-4405, and amendments thereto.

27     Sec. 9. K.S.A. 65-28a06 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
28a06. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under  
29 this act or whose license has been revoked or suspended to engage in the  
30 practice as a physician assistant as defined by this act.

31         (b) No person shall use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign,  
32 card or device to indicate that any person is a licensed physician assistant,  
33 nor shall any person represent oneself to be a licensed physician assistant  
34 unless such person has been duly licensed as a physician assistant in  
35 accordance with the provisions of this act.

36         (c) *A person who meets the qualifications for licensure under this act  
37 but does not possess a current license may use the title "PA", "physician  
38 assistant" or "physician associate" but shall not practice as a physician  
39 assistant unless licensed in accordance with the provisions of this act.*

40         (d) The provisions of this act shall not be construed to include the  
41 following persons:

42             (1) Persons rendering gratuitous services in the case of an emergency.  
43             (2) Persons gratuitously administering ordinary household remedies.

1       (3) Individuals practicing religious beliefs ~~which that~~ provide for  
2 reliance on spiritual means alone for healing.

3       (4) ~~Physician assistant students while performing professional~~  
4 ~~services in an approved enrolled in a physician assistant education and~~  
5 ~~training program accredited by the accreditation review commission on~~  
6 ~~education for the physician assistant or its successor agency while~~  
7 ~~performing healthcare services under the supervision of an approved~~  
8 ~~instructor.~~

9       (5) Persons whose ~~professional healthcare~~ services are performed  
10 under the direct and personal supervision or by order of a practitioner who  
11 is licensed under the healing arts act.

12       (6) Other ~~health care~~ providers licensed, registered,  
13 certified or otherwise credentialed by agencies of the state of Kansas.

14       (7) ~~Persons who practice as Physician assistants solely in the course~~  
15 ~~of employment or active duty in the United States government or any of its~~  
16 ~~departments, bureaus or agencies employed in the service of the federal~~  
17 ~~government while performing duties pursuant to that employment.~~

18       (f)(e) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be  
19 guilty of a class B *nonperson* misdemeanor.

20       Sec. 10. K.S.A. 65-28a08 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
21 28a08. (a) ~~The practice of~~ A physician assistant ~~shall include medical~~ *may*  
22 ~~provide healthcare services within the education, training and, experience~~  
23 ~~of the physician assistant that are delegated by the supervising physician.~~  
24 ~~Physician assistants practice in a dependent role with a supervising~~  
25 ~~physician, and may perform those duties and responsibilities through~~  
26 ~~delegated authority or written agreement. Medical services rendered by~~  
27 ~~physician assistants may be performed in any setting authorized by the~~  
28 ~~supervising physician, including, but not limited to, clinics, hospitals,~~  
29 ~~ambulatory surgical centers, patient homes, nursing homes and other~~  
30 ~~medical institutions and competence of the physician assistant. A~~  
31 ~~physician assistant shall be responsible for the healthcare services that~~  
32 ~~such physician assistant provides. Healthcare services provided by~~  
33 ~~physician assistants may include, but shall not be limited to:~~

34       (1) *Obtaining and performing a comprehensive health history and*  
35 *physical examination;*

36       (2) *evaluating, diagnosing, managing and providing medical*  
37 *treatment, including prescribing drugs;*

38       (3) *ordering and evaluating a diagnostic study and therapeutic*  
39 *procedure;*

40       (4) *educating a patient on health promotion and disease prevention;*

41       (5) *providing patient consultation or referral;*

42       (6) *writing medical orders;*

43       (7) *obtaining informed consent;*

1       (8) authenticating any document with the physician assistant's  
2 signature, certificate stamp or endorsement if such document may be  
3 authenticated in the same manner by a physician;

4       (9) pronounce death; and

5       (10) supervise, delegate and assign therapeutic measures to licensed  
6 or unlicensed personnel.

7       (b) (1) A physician assistant may:

8           (A) Prescribe durable medical devices and medical equipment and  
9 prescribe, procure or administer any drug. Physician assistants may plan  
10 and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing  
11 non-pharmacological interventions, including, but not limited to, durable  
12 medical equipment and diagnostic support services; and

13           (B) prescribe, procure and administer drugs, including drugs in  
14 schedules II through V of the uniform controlled substances act and all  
15 legend drugs.

16           (2) Any drug that is a controlled substance shall be prescribed,  
17 procured or administered in accordance with the uniform controlled  
18 substances act. A prescription shall include the name, address and  
19 telephone number of the physician assistant.

20           (3) In order to prescribe controlled substances, a physician assistant  
21 shall register with the federal drug enforcement administration and  
22 comply with federal drug enforcement administration requirements related  
23 to controlled substances.

24           (4) A physician assistant may request, receive and sign for  
25 professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients.

26           (5) As used in this section, "drug" means those articles and  
27 substances defined as drugs in K.S.A. 65-1626 and 65-4101, and  
28 amendments thereto.

29           (6) All dispensing activities of a physician assistant shall:

30           (A) Comply with appropriate state and federal regulations;

31           (B) occur when pharmacy services are not reasonably available,  
32 when it is in the best interests of the patient or during an emergency; and

33           (C) include any medication that may be dispensed by a physician.

34           (c) Consistent with the scope of practice, physician assistants may  
35 certify the health or disability of a patient as required by a local, state or  
36 federal program.

37           (d) Physician assistants may provide services in healthcare facilities  
38 or programs, including, but not limited to, clinics, hospitals, ambulatory  
39 surgical centers, patient homes, adult care homes, hospices and other  
40 medical institutions.

41           (e) A physician assistant shall not perform any act or procedure  
42 performed in the practice of optometry, except as provided in K.S.A. 65-  
43 1508 and 65-2887, and amendments thereto.

1       (f) A physician assistant shall not perform any healthcare service, act  
2 or procedure that is not authorized by applicable law.

3       (b) (1) A person licensed as a physician assistant may perform, only  
4 under the direction and supervision of a physician, acts which constitute  
5 the practice of medicine and surgery to the extent and in the manner  
6 authorized by the physician responsible for the physician assistant and  
7 only to the extent such acts are consistent with rules and regulations  
8 adopted by the board which relate to acts performed by a physician  
9 assistant under the supervising physician's direction and supervision. A  
10 physician assistant may prescribe drugs pursuant to a written agreement as  
11 authorized by the supervising physician.

12       (2) On and after January 11, 2016, a physician assistant, when  
13 authorized by a supervising physician, may dispense prescription only  
14 drugs:

15       (A) In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board  
16 governing prescription only drugs;

17       (B) when dispensing such prescription only drugs is in the best  
18 interests of the patient and pharmacy services are not readily available; and

19       (C) if such prescription only drugs do not exceed the quantity  
20 necessary for a 72-hour supply.

21       (e)(g) Before a physician assistant shall perform under the direction  
22 and supervision of a supervising physician, such physician assistant  
23 licensed under this act shall be identified to the patient and others involved  
24 in providing the patient services as a physician assistant to the supervising  
25 physician use the title of "PA", "physician assistant" or "physician  
26 associate" when engaged in professional activities requiring a physician  
27 assistant license. Physician assistants licensed under the provisions of this  
28 act shall keep such person's license available for inspection at their  
29 primary place of business. A physician assistant may not perform any act  
30 or procedure performed in the practice of optometry except as provided in  
31 K.S.A. 65-1508 and 65-2887, and amendments thereto.

32       (h) A physician assistant who attests to having 4,000 hours or more  
33 of postgraduate clinical experience, and has not had a disciplinary action  
34 taken against such licensee's license pursuant to K.S.A. 65-28a05, and  
35 amendments thereto, may practice in collaboration with a physician or  
36 physician group pursuant to a practice agreement that is kept on file at the  
37 practice site and made available to the board upon request. Such  
38 physician assistant shall collaborate with, consult with or refer to the  
39 appropriate member of the healthcare team as indicated by the patient's  
40 condition, the education, experience and competencies of the physician  
41 assistant and the standard of care. The terms, conditions and limitations of  
42 collaboration shall be determined by the collaborating physician; or the  
43 collaborating physician group and physician assistant. If such

1 collaboration takes place in a licensed healthcare facility, then the terms,  
2 conditions and limitations of collaboration shall be determined by the  
3 collaborating physician, collaborating physician group, physician  
4 assistant and the credentialing and privileging systems of such licensed  
5 healthcare facility.

6 (i) Except as provided by this subsection, after the effective date of  
7 this act, any physician assistant in a written practice agreement with a  
8 collaborating physician is authorized to continue to practice for not more  
9 than 180 days, with board approval, after the loss or absence of a  
10 collaborating physician, if such physician assistant:

11 (1) Has not had a disciplinary action taken against such licensee's  
12 license pursuant to K.S.A. 65-28a05, and amendments thereto; and

13 (2) seeks any necessary collaboration for patients who require  
14 healthcare services beyond the training and experience of the physician  
15 assistant through referral patterns established with a physician or other  
16 healthcare providers as indicated by the patient's condition. Upon request  
17 and approval by the board, such physician assistant may be granted one  
18 extension of up to an additional 180 days to continue practicing.

19 (j) A physician assistant with fewer than 4,000 hours of postgraduate  
20 clinical experience shall practice with physician supervision under the  
21 terms of a written practice agreement.

22 (d)(k) (1) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to be effective  
23 January 11, 2016, governing that govern the practice of physician  
24 assistants, including the delegation, direction and supervision and  
25 responsibilities of a collaborating physician, collaborating physician  
26 group or supervising physician. Such rules and regulations shall establish  
27 conditions and limitations as the board determines to be necessary to  
28 protect the public health and safety, and may include a limit upon the  
29 number of physician assistants that a supervising physician is able to  
30 safely and properly supervise. In developing rules and regulations relating  
31 to the practice of physician assistants, the board shall take into  
32 consideration the amount of training and capabilities of physician  
33 assistants, the different practice settings in which physician assistants and  
34 supervising physicians practice, and the needs of the geographic area of  
35 the state in which the physician assistant and the supervising physician  
36 practice and the differing degrees of direction and supervision by a  
37 supervising physician appropriate for such settings and areas.

38 (2) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the  
39 prescribing of drugs by physician assistants and the responsibilities of the  
40 supervising physician with respect thereto. Such rules and regulations shall  
41 establish such conditions and limitations as the board determines to be  
42 necessary to protect the public health and safety. In developing rules and  
43 regulations relating to the prescribing of drugs by physician assistants, the

1 board shall take into consideration the amount of training and capabilities  
2 of physician assistants, the different practice settings in which physician  
3 assistants ~~and supervising physicians~~ practice, ~~the degree of direction and~~  
4 ~~supervision to be provided by a supervising physician and the needs of the~~  
5 ~~geographic area of the state in which the supervising physician's physician~~  
6 ~~assistant and the supervising physician practice. In all cases in which a~~  
7 ~~physician assistant is authorized to prescribe drugs by a supervising~~  
8 ~~physician, a written agreement between the supervising physician and the~~  
9 ~~physician assistant containing the essential terms of such authorization~~  
10 ~~shall be in effect. Any written prescription order shall include the name,~~  
11 ~~address and telephone number of the supervising physician. In no case~~  
12 ~~shall the scope of the authority of the physician assistant to prescribe drugs~~  
13 ~~exceed the normal and customary practice of the supervising physician in~~  
14 ~~the prescribing of drugs.~~

15 (e) ~~The physician assistant may request, receive and sign for~~  
16 ~~professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients~~  
17 ~~pursuant to a written agreement as authorized by the supervising~~  
18 ~~physician. In order to prescribe or dispense controlled substances, the~~  
19 ~~physician assistant shall register with the federal drug enforcement~~  
20 ~~administration.~~

21 (f) ~~As used in this section, "drug" means those articles and substances~~  
22 ~~defined as drugs in K.S.A. 65-1626 and 65-4101, and amendments thereto.~~

23 (g) ~~Prior to January 11, 2016, the board shall limit the number of~~  
24 ~~physician assistants a responsible physician may supervise at any one time~~  
25 ~~to the equivalent of two full-time physician assistants as approved in each~~  
26 ~~case by the board. Any limitation on the number of physician assistants in~~  
27 ~~this subsection shall not apply to services performed in a medical care~~  
28 ~~facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto. The~~  
29 ~~provisions of this subsection shall expire on January 11, 2016.~~

30 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 65-28a09 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
31 28a09. (a) If a supervising physician temporarily leaves such physician's  
32 customary location of practice, the supervising physician shall, by prior  
33 arrangement, name another supervising physician who shall provide  
34 direction and supervision to the physician assistant.

35 (b) ~~A physician assistant with a supervision practice agreement shall~~  
36 ~~not perform professional healthcare services pursuant to this act unless the~~  
37 ~~name, address and signature of each supervising physician and on the form~~  
38 ~~required under subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 65-28a03, and amendments~~  
39 ~~thereto, have agreement has been provided to the board. A supervising~~  
40 ~~physician and physician assistant shall notify the board when supervision~~  
41 ~~and direction of the physician assistant a practice agreement has~~  
42 ~~terminated. The board shall provide forms for identifying each supervising~~  
43 ~~physician and for giving notice that direction and supervision a practice~~

1 ~~agreement has terminated. These forms may direct that additional~~  
2 ~~information be provided, including a copy of any written agreements, as~~  
3 ~~required by rules and regulations adopted by the board.~~

4 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 65-28a11 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
5 28a11. (a) There is established a physician assistant council to advise the  
6 board in carrying out the provisions of K.S.A. 65-28a01 through 65-28a09,  
7 and amendments thereto. The council shall consist of five members, all  
8 citizens and residents of the state of Kansas appointed as follows: One  
9 member shall be a physician *in a practice agreement with a physician*  
10 ~~assistant appointed by the board who is a supervising physician for a~~  
11 ~~physician assistant; one member shall be the president of the board or a~~  
12 ~~person designated by the president; and three members shall be licensed~~  
13 ~~physician assistants with active licenses appointed by the governor. The~~  
14 ~~governor, insofar as possible, shall appoint persons from different~~  
15 ~~geographical areas and persons who represent various types of practice~~  
16 ~~settings. If a vacancy occurs on the council, the appointing authority of the~~  
17 ~~position which has become vacant shall appoint a person of like~~  
18 ~~qualifications to fill the vacant position for the unexpired term, if any. The~~  
19 ~~Kansas academy of physician-assistants associates shall recommend the~~  
20 ~~names of licensed physician assistants to the governor in a number equal~~  
21 ~~to at least twice the positions or vacancies to be filled, and the governor~~  
22 ~~may appoint members to fill the positions or vacancies from the submitted~~  
23 ~~list. Members of the council appointed by the governor on and after the~~  
24 ~~effective date of this act shall be appointed for terms of three years and~~  
25 ~~until their successors are appointed and qualified except that of the~~  
26 ~~members first appointed by the governor on or after the effective date of~~  
27 ~~this act one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be~~  
28 ~~appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a term of~~  
29 ~~three years, as designated by the governor. The member appointed by the~~  
30 ~~board shall serve at the pleasure of the board. A member designated by the~~  
31 ~~president of the board shall serve at the pleasure of the president.~~

32 (b) Members of the council attending meetings of the council, or  
33 attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the council, shall  
34 be paid amounts provided in ~~subsection (e)~~ of K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and  
35 amendments thereto, from the healing arts fee fund.

36 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 65-28,127, 65-28a01, 65-28a02, 65-28a03, 65-28a04,  
37 65-28a05, 65-28a06, 65-28a08, 65-28a09 and 65-28a11 and K.S.A. 2025  
38 Supp. 22-4714 are hereby repealed.

39 Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
40 January 1, 2027, and its publication in the statute book.