

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 430

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 430, as amended, would permit licensed physical therapists to perform certain capillary blood tests.

Point-of-care Testing

The bill would define “point-of-care testing” as laboratory-based capillary assays and would not include:

- Point-of-care ultrasounds;
- Other imaging modalities and venipuncture; or
- Other procedures requiring vascular access beyond the use of a fingerstick or other capillary methods.

The bill would allow physical therapists to perform point-of-care laboratory testing that are classified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as CLIA-waved tests. The bill would allow point-of-care testing of lactate and blood glucose tests only by physical therapists for the purpose of obtaining information related to:

- Muscle metabolism;
- Exercise tolerance; or
- Rehabilitation status.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Permitted Use of Point-of-care Testing

The bill would require that results of point-of-care testing be used as adjunct information for physical therapists in evaluation and treatment planning, or to comply with a physician's orders.

The bill would not allow point-of-care testing by physical therapists to be construed as granting independent authority to diagnose medical conditions.

CLIA Certificate of Waiver and Billing

The bill would require a physical therapist or facility where testing is being performed to obtain and maintain a CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) certificate of waiver. The bill would also require that all testing be performed in accordance with manufacturer instructions, including all training requirements for staff performing the point-of-care tests.

The bill would not allow physical therapists to bill third-party payers for the point-of-care laboratory testing as stand-alone reimbursement services. The bill also would not prohibit a physical therapists or a facility from charging a patient for the reasonable cost of supplies used in connection for testing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at the request of Senator Thomas.

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by two representatives of the Kansas Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. The proponents stated that the bill would help physical therapists

make treatment decisions, as physical therapy is increasingly data driven and safety focused, especially when working with elderly patients or those with multiple diagnoses.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Medical Society, who noted that these tests require additional precautions for the patients, including informed consent and documentation.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Chiropractic Association. The opponent expressed concerns with the broad categorization of blood tests allowed in the bill and the rarely required situations in which the tests are utilized by physical therapists.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the State Board of Healing Arts.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to limit the capillary blood tests that could be performed by physical therapists to only lactate and blood glucose.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State Board of Healing Arts reports that while enactment of the bill could result in some actionable complaints, it would likely be manageable within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

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