



GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Coleen Tummons, CEO

DATE: March 10, 2015

RE: House Bill 2319 – Support

On behalf of Gove County Medical Center, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for House Bill 2319, which requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop a federal Medicaid waiver for a budget-neutral managed care program known as KanCare 2.0. KanCare 2.0 would provide access to healthcare coverage options for newly eligible individuals while employing personal responsibility through cost sharing and rewarding healthy outcomes and responsible health choices.

Our primary mission is to provide exceptional healthcare services delivered in a spirit of compassionate care. Any funds generated from our services are directly invested back into the healthcare programs, services, staff, facilities and equipment to meet the changing and growing healthcare needs.

We employ approximately 190 employees, and in 2014 had 15,132 patients, lab and radiology had 36,693 patients and the therapy departments had 20,238 treatments. This is just a few of the statistics.

The cost of caring for those in need is already being absorbed by hospitals and other payers through uncompensated care. Unfortunately, the uninsured often turn to the emergency room to meet their healthcare needs and we never receive payment. An established health care system is essential not only for the health of community residents, but also for our economic stability.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Coleen Tummons, CEO