



TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Kansas Council of Health-Systems Pharmacist (KCHP)

DATE: March 18, 2015

RE: House Bill 2319 – Support

On behalf of the Kansas Council of Health-Systems Pharmacist (KCHP), we are 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.

Kansans without access to health insurance often go without much needed medical care and such decisions can have a significant financial impact not only on the uninsured but also on the medical provider. This is an excellent opportunity to craft a Kansas solution that would allow the more than one hundred and forty-four thousand (144,000) Kansas citizens without health insurance the opportunity to obtain low-cost health coverage.

KCHP appreciates your consideration of our comments.

Gregory P. Burger, PharmD, CPPS
2014-2015 KCHP President

Katie Burenheide, MS, PharmD, BCPS, FCCM
2014-2015 KCHP Governmental Affairs Chair