



TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Carrie Saia, President Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders

DATE: March 18, 2015

RE: House Bill 2319 – Support

On behalf of Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL), 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.

The members of KONL are nurse leaders from organizations across the state of Kansas that are greatly impacted by the growing number of uninsured patients in our communities. The amount of bad debt and write offs within our facilities may vary across the state, but as an organization, together we strongly urge our legislators to support the passing of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.