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TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Lyle R. Dauner, RPh

DATE: March 18, 2015

RE: House Bill 2319 – Support

On behalf of Mankato Professional Pharmacy, 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 health care coverage options for newly eligible individuals while employing personal responsibility through cost sharing and rewarding healthy outcomes and responsible health choices.

Mankato Professional Pharmacy is located in Jewell County Kansas, considered an underserved area for healthcare and has many clients that would be considered in the low to moderate income range. Many are without or don't have adequate healthcare coverage.

Expanding KanCare would allow for these clients to have coverage for their healthcare needs and in turn help the local economy in assisting them with their other personal needs.

As you probably know already, rural Kansas hospitals are already hit hard with trying to meet their budget needs and cutting down on unnecessary or unpaid for trips to the emergency room would be greatly reduced. This added coverage for healthcare would also have a positive impact on other providers e.g. pharmacies, clinics, health offices.

The impact economically would mean these providers would be able to continue to serve these underserved areas and improve the economic outcome for them and the county as a whole.

Please consider expanding KanCare in Kansas and thank you for considering my comments.

  
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