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Dear Legislator,

As a physician in the State of Kansas, I wish to express my concern regarding Senate Bill No. 341 also known as the Step Program. Many of the patients most affected by this bill already face significant challenges in the receipt of adequate health care. Therefore, any additional barriers to care or treatment is likely to adversely effect them.

I am particularly concerned that the delays, substitutions, and changing of medications that are being prescribed to treat life threatening conditions will result in patients not receiving timely care. Furthermore, I believe this will be viewed by both physicians and the public alike as further rationing of health care.

I would ask that you please consider the vulnerable population that may be harmed by the implementation of this program as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

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