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Testimony for HB 2124
Public Health and Welfare Committee

Chairman Daniel Hawkins and Committee Members:

Please accept this written testimony in support of an amendment to House Bill 2124 concerning medical student loan agreements for the practice of psychiatry.

DCCCA has been serving Kansans for more than forty years, coordinating substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recruitment, training and support of foster homes; traffic safety education and resources; and facilitating residential and community based interventions for at risk youth and families. All DCCCA services and administrative operations have been nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation since 2011. DCCCA also has a statewide presence, serving Kansas youth and adults from Pratt to Kansas City.

We respectfully request that the legislation be amended to add state licensed substance use disorder treatment facilities as eligible entities for the loan repayment program. Including SUD programs further expands access to much needed psychiatry services. We, for example, have the ability to provide capacity for mental health services in addition to substance use services in critical areas of need across the state.

This testimony represents only DCCCA, but we are a member of the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals, the state's only association dedicated to substance abuse prevention and treatment.

We appreciate your consideration of this amendment request which would support the entire safety net across the state for residents needing mental health and substance abuse services.

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Alvarado, CEO, DCCCA, Inc.
