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Proponent for HB 2169- written only

We are the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living, a trade association with a membership of nursing homes, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health. We are the oldest and largest nursing home trade association in Kansas. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day. At this time we represent more than 250 members, most of which are KanCare Providers.

The legislation before you today is the result of many KanCare providers coming together and looking at ways to streamline processes. Sometimes barriers for companies to operate in Kansas can cost the state jobs and dollars that end of being spent somewhere else if the price of operating is too much. One of the many barriers we often hear is the issue around credentialing. Whether we have two, three or four insurance companies offering insurance on behalf of KanCare, if they could offer one credentialing process it would be beneficial. The redundancy of these forms do nothing but add confusion and unintended dollars being wasted on process. Due to the tumultuous environment in Kansas over the past few years, we have seen many mergers so this becomes important in their Kansas operations.

We would appreciate your support of HB 2169. Providers want KanCare to work and we believe HB 2169 is a good compilation of provider protections necessary for the future success.

Submitted by Cindy Luxem