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# Kansas Psychiatric Society

To: House Health and Human Services Committee

From: Kansas Psychiatric Society

Re: Support for Senate Bill 32

Date: March 8, 2017

Representative Hawkins and members of the House Health and Human Services committee, thank you for considering the comments of the Kansas Psychiatric Society in support of Senate Bill 32. For those of you that are not familiar with the Kansas Psychiatric Society, it is a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association whose members have been serving the citizens of the state of Kansas since its establishment in 1942.

The Kansas psychiatric Society offers its support for the provisions of Senate Bill 32 as amended that would include "general psychiatry and child psychiatry" for the first time as areas of medicine eligible to participate in the Kansas "Medical Student Loan Act." We applaud the efforts of the Association of Community Mental Health Centers in bringing the critical need for more psychiatrists in Kansas to your attention. The KPS also offers its support for the provisions added by the Senate Committee that creates two funds in the state treasury specifically for medical student loan agreements with individuals who commit to satisfying their loan obligations by practicing or teaching general psychiatry or child psychiatry and residency-bridging loan agreements with medical residents training in general or child psychiatry.

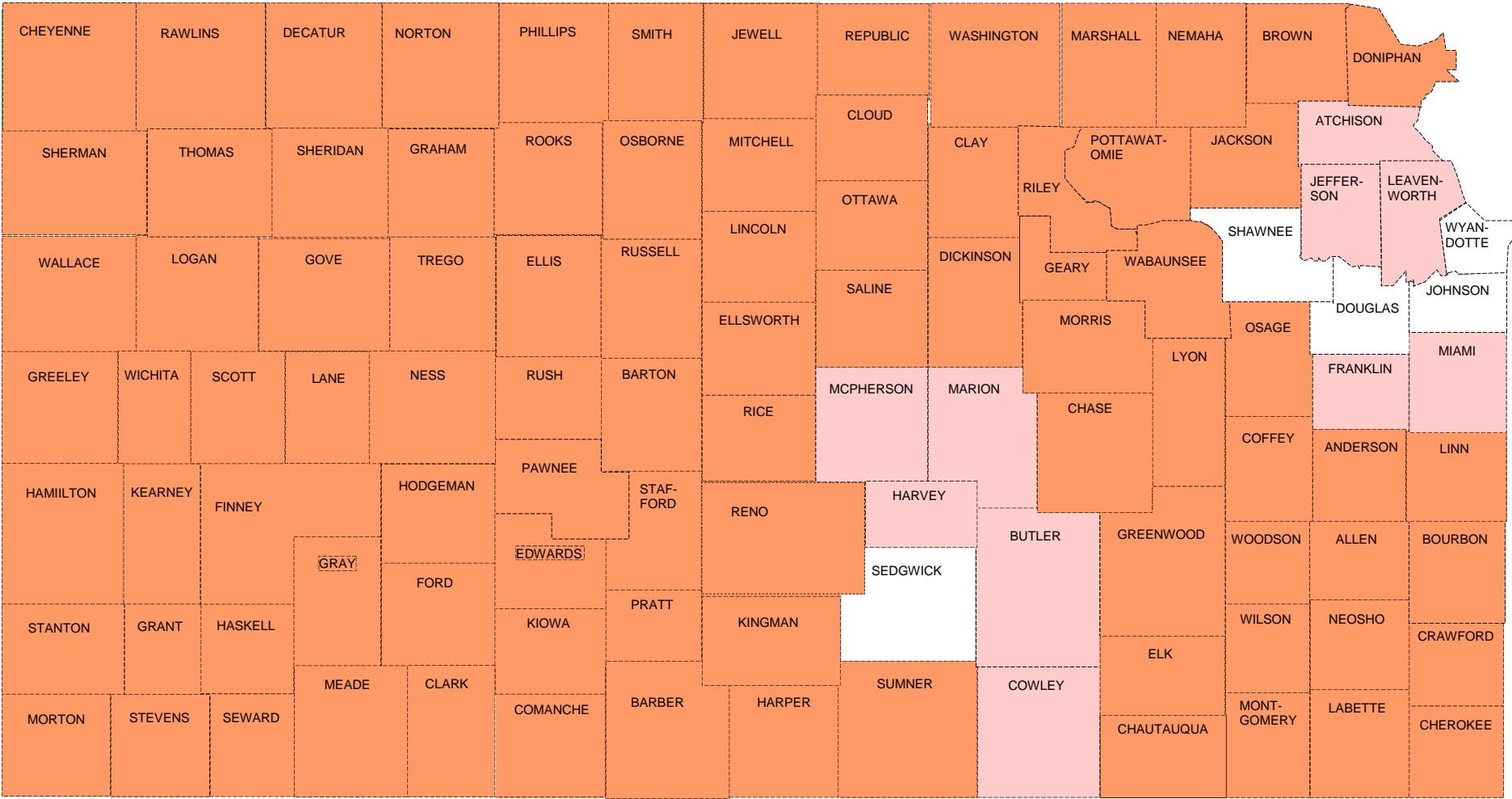
Appended to these remarks is a map generated by Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, regarding medical professional shortages. This particular map shows mental health professional shortage areas as of September 2016. You will note that 97 of 105 Kansas counties are categorized as mental health professional shortage areas (HPSA) based on geography. Additionally, another three Kansas counties are designated as mental health professional shortage areas based on low-income population, for a total of 100 out of 105 Kansas counties having mental health professional shortages.

One Qualifying criteria used by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to designate a health professional shortage area for psychiatrists is a to have a population to psychiatrist ratio of greater than 30,000 to 1. The federal Shortage Designation Branch calculates a score (0- to 25 for primary care and mental health and 0 to 26 for dental) with 25 / 26 being the highest degree of shortage for each designated HPSA.

Lastly, included with this testimony is the Kansas Department of Health and Environments "Kansas County Level Health Professional Shortage Designations" which lists in table form each counties HPSA score for the three shortage areas of medical professionals: family practice, dental and mental health. This document is dated December 31, 2016. Of interest to this committee as it contemplates broadening the Kansas medical student loan act for psychiatry would be the fact that in almost every county, the HPSA score for mental health is greater than the other two categories indicating the most critical shortage exists in the area of mental health.

On behalf of the Kansas Psychiatric Society I encourage you to consider this legislation favorably and pass it out of this committee for the benefit of the citizens of the state of Kansas.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
 Office of Primary Care and Rural Health  
**Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas**  
 September 2016



- Counties with Mental HPSA Score of 15 or higher
- Counties with Mental HPSA Score of 14 or lower
- Counties Not Eligible for Mental HPSA designation

**Data Note:**  
 97 Kansas Counties have geographic mental HPSA designation  
 3 Kansas Counties have population mental HPSA designation (Harvey, Marion, and McPherson counties)

# FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS (HPSA)

A health professional shortage area designation identifies an area facing a critical shortage of health care professionals in an urban or rural area; a population group; or a public or nonprofit private medical facility.

**Qualifying Criteria:** To be designated as a Mental Health HPSA, areas in Kansas must meet three criteria:

1. Be a rational service area for the delivery of care.
2. Have a population-to-psychiatrist ratio greater than or equal to 30,000:1.
3. Have Mental Health professionals in contiguous areas that are over-utilized, excessively distant or inaccessible to residents of the area under consideration.

Number of Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) Designations in Kansas	
Geographic HPSA Designations	<b>97</b>
Population HPSA Designations	<b>3</b>
Indian Health Facilities/Native American Tribal Population HPSA Designations	<b>4</b>
Facility HPSA Designations	<b>43</b>
Federal/State Correctional Facilities	3
Federally Qualified Health Centers	19
Medicare-designated Rural Health Clinics	21
<b>TOTAL Mental HPSA Designations</b>	<b>191</b>

Benefits of Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) Designation	
	Link to More Information about Benefit/Program
Eligibility for Scholarships, Loans and Loan Repayment through National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps	<a href="http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/">www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/</a> <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/">www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/</a>
Eligibility for Kansas State Loan Repayment Program	<a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/FundLoan">www.kdheks.gov/olrh/FundLoan</a>
CMS Medicare Provider Incentive Payments *Geographic HPSA designations only*	<a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/HPSAfactsht.pdf">www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/HPSAfactsht.pdf</a>
J-1 Visa Waiver Program	<a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/j-1visa_waiver_overview">www.kdheks.gov/olrh/j-1visa_waiver_overview</a>
CMS Medicare Reimbursement for Telehealth Services *Community Mental Health Centers only*	<a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/TelehealthSrvcsfactsht.pdf">www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/TelehealthSrvcsfactsht.pdf</a>
Funding Preference Factor for HRSA and Other Federal Grant Opportunities (e.g., Title VII & VIII Training Grants, New Access Point Grants, Rural Health Network Development Grants )	

## Kansas County-Level Health Professional Shortage Designations

County	Primary Care HPSA			Dental HPSA			Mental Health HPSA		
	Last Updated	Type	Score	Last Updated	Type	Score	Last Updated	Type	Score
Allen	08/26/16	Population	12	09/30/11	Population	11	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Anderson	11/19/13	Population	12	12/22/11	Population	11	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Atchison	09/06/12	Population	12	06/28/12	Population	12	11/30/16	Geographic	13
Barber	07/08/16	Population	11	11/20/13	Geographic	16	12/05/16	Geographic	15
Barton	09/22/16	Population	9	10/11/11	Population	16	12/01/16	Geographic	16
Bourbon				10/18/13	Population	17	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Brown	07/21/11	Population	13	12/14/11	Population	18	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Butler							11/30/16	Geographic	7
Chase	06/24/16	Geographic	14	11/18/11	Geographic	14	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Chautauqua	09/25/13	Geographic	12	01/20/12	Population	18	12/09/11	Geographic	17
Cherokee	08/30/11	Population	15	11/18/11	Population	16	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Cheyenne	06/24/16	Population	19	02/14/12	Population	10	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Clark	07/08/16	Population	13	11/18/11	Geographic	11	12/01/16	Geographic	15
Clay	09/22/16	Population	8	10/11/11	Population	13	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Cloud	07/21/11	Population	16	09/22/11	Population	18	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Coffey	02/08/11	Population	11	08/30/11	Population	11	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Comanche	08/30/11	Population	14	09/25/13	Geographic	14	12/01/16	Geographic	15
Cowley	03/10/16	Population	8	04/21/14	Population	7	11/28/16	Geographic	18
Crawford	08/26/16	Population	13	09/30/11	Population	11	10/28/11	Geographic	17
Decatur	06/08/16	Population	13	12/27/11	Geographic	15	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Dickinson	06/24/16	Population	11	12/15/11	Population	16	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Doniphan	06/08/16	Population	13	10/18/11	Population	17	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Douglas	12/19/12	Population	11	02/08/13	Population	7			
Edwards	01/15/13	Population	15	12/23/11	Population	9	12/01/16	Geographic	15
Elk	09/25/13	Geographic	17	09/25/13	Geographic	15	12/09/11	Geographic	17
Ellis	06/24/16	Population	16				11/01/11	Geographic	16
Ellsworth	06/24/16	Population	14	04/21/14	Population	11	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Finney	06/24/16	Population	15				12/01/16	Geographic	17
Ford	09/22/16	Population	12	09/14/12	Population	17	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Franklin	02/04/11	Population	12	06/11/12	Population	11	12/19/12	Geographic	14
Geary	11/13/13	Population	16	12/15/11	Population	9	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Gove	08/30/11	Population	10	01/12/12	Geographic	14	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Graham	08/10/16	Population	7	12/19/11	Population	18	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Grant	10/18/13	Population	12	10/04/11	Geographic	12	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Gray	09/22/16	Geographic	12	11/18/11	Geographic	16	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Greeley	12/14/11	Population	12	04/21/14	Population	6	11/01/11	Geographic	16

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Greenwood	09/22/11	Population	7	10/18/11	Geographic	10	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Hamilton	01/15/13	Geographic	14	11/06/12	Population	6	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Harper	07/08/16	Population	15	12/23/11	Population	11	08/07/13	Geographic	16
Harvey							06/03/13	Population	13
Haskell	03/24/14	Geographic	11	02/14/13	Geographic	14	11/01/11	Geographic	15
Hodgeman	01/15/13	Population	15	02/14/13	Geographic	9	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Jackson	08/30/11	Population	14	10/18/11	Geographic	8	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Jefferson	08/09/16	Geographic	12	10/18/11	Geographic	9	11/30/16	Geographic	13
Jewell	09/22/16	Geographic	13	01/03/12	Population	10	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Johnson									
Kearny	01/05/12	Geographic	12	10/11/11	Population	16	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Kingman	09/25/13	Geographic	14	08/24/11	Population	14	08/07/13	Geographic	16
Kiowa	01/05/12	Geographic	16	11/18/11	Geographic	16	12/01/16	Geographic	15
Labette	08/13/13	Population	14	01/03/12	Population	17	11/30/16	Geographic	14
Lane	11/28/11	Population	18	08/05/13	Geographic	10	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Leavenworth							11/30/2016	Geographic	13
Lincoln	06/24/16	Population	15	08/16/11	Population	17	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Linn	03/24/14	Geographic	11	05/15/12	Geographic	10	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Logan	04/26/12	Population	13				11/01/11	Geographic	16
Lyon	11/01/11	Population	14	11/18/11	Population	13	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Marion	12/28/11	Geographic	10	06/28/12	Population	12	06/03/13	Population	13
Marshall	08/21/12	Population	10	11/01/11	Population	14	11/22/11	Geographic	16
McPherson							06/03/13	Population	13
Meade	08/18/16	Population	11	11/01/11	Population	8	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Miami							12/19/12	Geographic	14
Mitchell	09/22/16	Population	14	06/11/12	Population	16	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Montgomery	04/19/13	Population	10	11/18/11	Population	17	12/09/11	Geographic	17
Morris				11/18/11	Population	11	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Morton	09/22/16	Population	9	12/27/11	Population	8	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Nemaha	07/21/11	Population	13				11/30/16	Geographic	15
Neosho	08/21/12	Population	9	10/14/11	Population	17	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Ness	01/05/12	Population	7	11/01/11	Geographic	14	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Norton	08/18/16	Population	14	01/09/12	Population	14	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Osage	12/20/11	Geographic	14	06/07/12	Geographic	12	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Osborne	05/28/14	Population	15	04/23/12	Population	12	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Ottawa				12/19/12	Population	8	11/30/16	Geographic	15

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Pawnee	11/22/11	Population	14				12/01/16	Geographic	16
Phillips	12/04/12	Geographic	14				11/01/11	Geographic	16
Pottawatomie							11/22/11	Geographic	16
Pratt	11/06/12	Population	12	12/27/11	Population	16	08/07/13	Geographic	16
Rawlins	08/10/16	Population	15	11/19/13	Geographic	15	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Reno	01/31/13	Population	7	01/02/14	Population	13	08/07/13	Geographic	16
Republic	07/01/14	Population	20	04/26/12	Population	16	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Rice	01/15/13	Population	8				12/01/16	Geographic	16
Riley	09/14/12	Population	11	11/15/12	Population	19	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Rooks	05/10/12	Population	11	12/27/11	Population	16	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Rush	10/18/13	Population	16	12/27/11	Population	18	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Russell	10/24/16	Population	15	12/23/11	Population	16	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Saline				02/14/13	Population	11	11/30/16	Geographic	15
Scott	12/01/16	Population	12				12/01/16	Geographic	17
Sedgwick	12/28/12	Population	7						
Seward	09/14/12	Population	10	01/03/12	Geographic	12	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Shawnee	06/14/12	Population	7	11/01/12	Population	15			
Sheridan	08/09/16	Population	7	12/23/11	Population	10	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Sherman	03/21/12	Population	18	01/12/12	Population	18	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Smith	08/13/13	Population	11	10/28/11	Population	12	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Stafford	03/24/14	Geographic	13	10/11/11	Geographic	16	12/01/16	Geographic	16
Stanton	12/19/11	Population	7	10/28/11	Geographic	16	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Stevens	09/22/16	Population	14	12/30/13	Population	10	12/01/16	Geographic	17
Sumner							11/28/16	Geographic	14
Thomas	07/19/11	Population	13	10/02/12	Population	12	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Trego	08/13/13	Population	8	04/23/12	Population	10	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Wabaunsee	06/25/12	Geographic	13	11/15/12	Geographic	12	11/30/16	Geographic	16
Wallace	11/19/13	Geographic	16	04/21/14	Geographic	10	11/01/11	Geographic	16
Washington	05/10/12	Population	17	04/10/12	Population	14	11/22/11	Geographic	16
Wichita	12/10/12	Population	15				12/01/16	Geographic	17
Wilson				11/13/13	Population	17	12/09/11	Geographic	17
Woodson	12/28/11	Geographic	15	08/24/11	Population	19	12/01/16	Geographic	18
Wyandotte	11/19/12	Population	14	12/04/12	Population	9			