



TO: House Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Chad Austin, Sr. Vice President Government Relations
Deborah F. Stern, Sr. Vice President Clinical Services and General Counsel

DATE: March 16, 2017

RE: Senate Bill 68 - Caregiver Act

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to provide neutral testimony regarding Senate Bill 68, which enacts the Kansas Lay Caregiver Act.

The goals of the Kansas Hospital Association and its members are similar to those of the proponents of this legislation -- to ensure that patients and their caregivers are provided the necessary care instructions to address the health care needs of a patient discharged from a hospital. While we understand the position of those supporting SB 68, our members assert that the requirements of SB 68 are already part of the standards and regulations followed by health care providers.

KHA supported several amendments to SB 68 which were adopted by the Senate. Because of the adoption of these amendments, KHA has moved to a neutral position on this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.