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Chairwoman McGinn & Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

The University of Kansas Health System is pleased to support and endorse SB 94. Passage of this bill is a positive first step in restoring the Medicaid provider cuts imposed on July 1, 2016. We encourage the legislature to consider additional steps to ensure the revenues generated are truly paid by the organizations targeted in this bill and not merely a cost shift to providers.

The taxes in this bill could be passed on to hospitals and clinicians through rate reductions, increased denials and the downgrading of medically necessary services. We don't believe it is the intent of the legislature for Medicaid providers to bear the burden of restoring their own payment cuts or have these taxes passed through to policy holders in the form of premium increases. To that end, we encourage the committee to consider additional language to ensure this is not the outcome.

We ask for your support and passage of SB 94 and encourage you to strengthen this bill to ensure it accomplishes its intent to restore the Medicaid cuts to the hospitals and clinicians impacted by them. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to Kansas Medicaid providers.

Sincerely,



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