



Testimony for House Bill 2082
Allowing Pharmacists to Administer Drugs Pursuant to a Prescription Order
House Health and Human Services Committee
By Aaron Dunkel, Executive Director
Kansas Pharmacists Association - Topeka, Kansas
February 6th, 2019

Chairperson Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

I am Aaron Dunkel, Executive Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA). The Kansas Pharmacists Association is the statewide professional association that represents Kansas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists from all practice settings. I am writing this to you today to ask for your support for HB 2082 – Allowing Pharmacists to Administer Drugs Pursuant to a Prescription Order.

This bill would allow pharmacists to administer medications previously prescribed by a licensed Kansas prescriber and will increase the likelihood of patients taking the right medications at the right time and in the right dosage. In our bill we are asking for pharmacists to be allowed to assist patients in the administration of their medications, just as individuals or family members are doing for themselves or each other in living rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms, or any other place you can imagine across the state every day of the year. In an attempt to ensure the physician is kept at the forefront of patient care management, we even included language that would allow a prescriber to note that they did not want the pharmacist to administer the medication if that was their preference.

Every day our members are asked by people coming into their pharmacies if they can help them with their medications. This bill would allow them to do that.

Pharmacist administration would provide patients with improved access to medication options. This bill would allow patients to utilize local pharmacists to help them appropriately receive their medications. Many times our pharmacists know of patients that are uncomfortable or incapable of administering medications to themselves or do not have someone at home that is capable of assisting them. These are the situations this bill is designed to address. Rather than have someone not take, or incorrectly take, their medicine, we want to provide that assistance. In situations in which a patient is unsure or uncomfortable giving themselves the medication, this bill will allow the pharmacist to help them take their medication according to the prescription their physician gave them. To demonstrate some of the support we have received from the medical community during our discussions at various locations, you will find 19 letters of support attached to this testimony. These letters come from various parts of the state and from various practice settings.

Improved access to medications is an important factor in improving health and well-being of any patient, and the addition of clinical options such as the involvement of pharmacists in providing proper administration would greatly benefit patient outcomes. Pharmacists are trained in the administration of medications and are fully capable of providing this patient support function within their pharmacies. Due to the number, and geographical distribution, of community pharmacies in Kansas, pharmacists are readily available to assist patients in rural areas as well as provide support and service to the most vulnerable patients.

Therefore, I ask that you support the Kansas Pharmacists Association and our partners in our efforts to secure statutory authority that would allow pharmacists in the state to administer medications. Pharmacists are trained to administer medications and are willing, able, accessible, and motivated partners in ensuring patients have a safe, convenient, and supportive environment for the administration of these medications when appropriate. Forty other states have already allowed pharmacists the opportunity to administer these medications, thereby maximizing patient access and improving patient health and well-being.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2082 and we hope you can support us in our desire to provide the best care to those we serve.

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Aaron Dunkel
Executive Director
Kansas Pharmacists Association

January 30th, 2019

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Patrick M. Moriarty, MD
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Director of Clinical Pharmacology/
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Date 1/23/19

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Julie Munson DO, FAOCO



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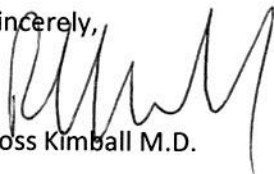
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Therefore, I support the Kansas Pharmacists Association and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores in working with the Kansas Legislature to secure statutory authority that would allow pharmacists in the state to administer medications. Under the presumption that these medications would still be required to be prescribed by a licensed prescriber they then could be administered by pharmacists. Pharmacists are trained to do injections and are willing, able, accessible and motivated partners in ensuring patients have a safe, convenient and supportive environment for the administration of these medications when appropriate. Forty other states have already allowed pharmacists the opportunity to administer these medications, thereby maximizing patient access and improving patient health and well-being.

Sincerely,

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