



To: Health and Human Services

From: Rachelle Colombo, Director of Government Affairs

Date: February 19, 2019

Re: SB 144; Expedited Partner Therapy

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of SB 144, allowing for expedited partner therapy.

SB 144 would allow for patients affected by sexually transmitted diseases to procure a prescription for their sexual partners to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. Physicians and those working under delegated medical authority would be allowed to treat both clinically presenting patients, and their partners for sexually transmitted diseases under SB 144. Under current law, a physician cannot treat a patient they have not evaluated, regardless of their exposure. Because sexually transmitted diseases have seen a dramatic increase in recent years and because treatment is not contraindicated, we believe this is in the best interest of Kansas patients to prevent the spread of treatable diseases.

We respectfully request the passage of SB 144. Thank you.