



Written Proponent Testimony for Senate Bill 404
Permitting the Use of Expedited Partner Therapy to Treat a Sexually Transmitted Infection
Senate Public Health and Wellness Committee
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Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Jared Holroyd, Executive Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA). The Kansas Pharmacists Association is the statewide professional association that represents all Kansas-licensed pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists across all practice settings. I write today to ask for the committee's support for SB 404.

KPhA is in full support of SB 404. With the incidence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), such as chlamydia, syphilis, and gonorrhea, in Kansas increasing by over 65% in the last decade, this is a necessary step in protecting Kansans against the further spread of these diseases. KPhA understands the need for the implementation of this process and stands ready to work with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and appropriate regulatory boards to ensure that rules and regulations developed to support this process are protective of public health while also being minimally burdensome on those we serve.

Our intent would be to ensure the process is protective of public health and of individual health data, and eliminates the possibility of prescriptions being filled that are unnecessary or unsafe. Our members are ready to collect appropriate information regarding patients that are directed to this program. As part of the process, pharmacies can screen patients to make sure there are no contraindicated medications they are currently taking or anything else in their screening that would indicate possible negative reactions to the prescribed medication.

KPhA is proud to be able to support SB 404. It allows a process that will have a positive impact on the lives of many Kansans and helps support positive health outcomes by slowing the growth of sexually transmitted infections in the state.

Thank you, Madame Chair and Committee, for your consideration of SB 404.

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