



House Committee on Health & Human Services  
Written Support Testimony on HB 2250  
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Chairman Carpenter and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Mountain Region of CommonSpirit Health, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. We own and operate 20 hospitals in Colorado, Kansas and Utah as well as multiple health clinics, physician practices, urgency centers and Flight for Life. We employ over 21,000 employees across these care facilities. CommonSpirit Health has a presence in 24 states across the country and has over 2,200 care sites, which includes over 150 hospitals. We are very committed to rural health care in our communities which is evident through our longstanding presence in western Kansas.

As a national health care system, we are writing to express our strong support for HB2250, which would bring the provider assessment in the state of Kansas up to the 6% federally allowed cap. Given inflationary pressures on hospitals, coupled with stagnant and declining payer reimbursements, especially in rural southwest Kansas, and the fact that we are one of the nation's largest Medicaid providers, we believe increasing the provider assessment is a critical step toward addressing the financial challenges hospitals are facing.

Provider assessments are a powerful tool to assist hospitals in meeting the needs of their communities. While we have many stories that we can share about how supplemental provider assessment programs have had direct and meaningful impact in communities throughout our ministry, for our facilities in southwest Kansas, the increase of this assessment, when combined with the federal match, will assist us in a myriad of ways, including increasing reimbursements to primary care providers and ensuring access to essential health care services like maternal health.

Our national footprint allows us to confidently share that increasing the provider assessment provides a state with a unique opportunity to strengthen the health care delivery system by investing in the hospitals and its providers. This investment translates to improvements in critical infrastructure, maintaining or expanding service lines, as well as providing a lifeline to financially distressed hospitals. . Ultimately, increasing the provider assessment will lead to a more efficient, equitable, and

patient-centered healthcare system for all Kansas residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this meaningful policy and we are happy to answer any questions the committee may have.