



To: Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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Subject: SB 41: Adding advanced practice registered nurses to the definition of healthcare provider for purposes of the healthcare provider insurance availability act.

Proponent Testimony

Chairman Gossage and other committee members, I appreciate the opportunity to present proponent testimony on SB 41.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association represents over 1,200 Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas and their patients.

Several colleges and universities in the United States and around the world award doctor of chiropractic degrees. These degrees are subject to a rigorous accreditation process by the Council on Chiropractic Education and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas are licensed as Practitioners of the Healing Arts alongside Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy. They are licensed to "diagnose and treat the human condition and all its diseases." The only restrictions on our practice are the prescription of medication and the performance of surgery or obstetrics.

Doctors of Chiropractic have been included as defined providers under K.S.A. 40-3401 for decades and have a chiropractic member on the Healthcare Stabilization Fund Board of Governors.

The Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund protects the citizens of Kansas by ensuring providers have access to affordable malpractice insurance.

With the broadened scope of practice afforded to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) during the 2022 legislative session, Kansans who utilize the care of APRNs deserve the same malpractice protection they receive when seeking care with other provider types.

Adding APRNs to the list of defined providers for the Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund strengthens the fund and improves malpractice protection for Kansas citizens.



We ask the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee to recommend SB 41 favorable for passage.

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