

SENATE BILL No. 430

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning health and health professions; relating to physical
2 therapists; allowing licensed physical therapists to perform certain
3 capillary blood tests.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, "point-of-care testing"
7 means laboratory- based capillary assays. "Point-of-care testing" does not
8 include point-of-care ultrasound or other imaging modalities and
9 venipuncture or other procedures requiring vascular access beyond the use
10 of a fingerstick or other capillary methods.

11 (b) Physical therapists may perform point-of-care laboratory testing
12 limited to assays classified by the centers for medicare and medicaid
13 services as CLIA-waved tests. Permitted tests include, but are not limited
14 to, lactate and blood glucose if used for the purpose of obtaining
15 information related to muscle metabolism, exercise tolerance or
16 rehabilitation status. Such testing shall not include the diagnostic use of
17 point-of-care testing for medical conditions outside the scope of physical
18 therapy practice.

19 (c) A physical therapist or the facility where testing is performed shall
20 obtain and maintain a CLIA certificate of waiver in accordance with
21 federal law. Testing shall be performed only in accordance with
22 manufacturer instructions, including training requirements for staff
23 performing such tests.

24 (d) Results of point-of-care testing shall be used as adjunct
25 information to support physical therapy evaluation and treatment planning
26 or to comply with a physician's order.

27 (e) Point-of-care laboratory testing by physical therapists shall not be
28 construed as granting independent authority to diagnose medical
29 conditions.

30 (f) Physical therapists shall not bill third-party payers for point-of-
31 care laboratory testing as stand-alone reimbursable services. Nothing in
32 this section shall prohibit a physical therapist or facility from charging a
33 patient for the reasonable cost of testing supplies used in connection with
34 such testing.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.