



# Kansas Association of Health Plans

---

1206 SW 10th St.  
Topeka, KS 66604

785-233-2747  
Fax 785-233-3518  
[kahp@kansasstatehouse.com](mailto:kahp@kansasstatehouse.com)

TO: The House Health & Human Services Committee

FROM: Larrie Ann Lower  
Executive Director

DATE: March 21, 2005

RE: Written testimony in support of SB 254: out of state physician orders

Mister Chairman and members of the Committee. Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Health Plans to submit written testimony.

The KAHP is a nonprofit association dedicated to providing information on managed care health plans. Members of the KAHP are Kansas licensed health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and other entities that are connected to managed care. KAHP members serve most all of the Kansans enrolled in a Kansas licensed HMO. KAHP members also serve the Kansans enrolled in HealthWave and medicaid managed care and also many of the Kansans enrolled in PPO's and self insured plans. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on SB 254.

KAHP supports allowing a patient to see an in-network physician in a bordering state yet receive services ordered by that physician at or by another in-network provider located in Kansas. This issue is important to health plans operating in the Kansas City bi-state area. KAHP members include in their networks physicians licensed only in Missouri yet, we may have patients who wish to receive the services ordered at another in-network provider simply because it's closer to their home located in Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration.