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Chairman Morrison and other distinguished members of the House Health and Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB 254.

Currently, Kansas hospitals are experiencing difficulty with patients visiting or traveling through our state who require treatment or medical services on a limited basis. Additionally, hospitals such as Children's Mercy in the Kansas City area are seeing patients who may obtain evaluation and an order from Children's Mercy in Missouri and then receive actual treatment at Children's Mercy South located in Kansas.

SB 254 will simply clarify that patients can receive treatment under limited circumstances when ordered by out of state physicians.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB 254.