



Testimony re: HB 2280
House Health & Human Services Committee
Presented by Mitch DePriest on behalf of
The Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores
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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mitch DePriest, and I appear today on behalf of the Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores (KACDS), the trade association of chain pharmacies across Kansas which employ more than 32,000 Kansans in over 500 chain pharmacy locations.

We strongly support HB 2280, which provides for the regulation of Telepharmacy in Kansas, a practice already permitted in 26 other states, including our neighboring states of Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado. As part of our support, **we request the Committee amend HB 2280 to strike Sec. 3. (c) (7) surrounding distance requirements and (9) limiting the number of prescriptions dispensed** as arbitrary limits on access for Kansas patients.

We also request the committee amend the definition of “dispense” to address experiences raised by our members surrounding Kansas’ limitation on prescription deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, this is also in response to the Board of Pharmacy’s September 2020 Policy Statement regarding [prescription delivery](#). This statement underpins a distinction unique to Kansas between methods of delivery where a pharmacy must do so with an employee whereas another well-established method of delivery involving mail order is not subject to the same limitation.

Sec. 6. ~~(e)~~(q) "Dispense" or "dispensing" means to deliver prescription medication to the ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner or pursuant to the prescription of a mid-level practitioner. Additionally, a pharmacy may deliver a prescription to a patient by mail, common carrier, personal delivery, or third party delivery to any location requested by the patient.

We urge the committee to support HB 2280 and the changes recommended above.

