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Good Afternoon Chairwoman Schwartz and members of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. My name is Mary Blubaugh and I am the Executive Administrator of the Kansas State Board of Nursing. I am here on behalf of the members of the State Board of Nursing to provide information on the proposed changes to Licensed Mental Health Technician fees and one IV Therapy regulations listed below.

**K.A.R. 60-8-101. Payment of fees.** The proposed language deletes the fee for licensure by endorsement and increases the fee from \$20.00 to \$40.00 for licensure by examination for Licensed Mental Health Technicians. The increase in the fee is due to the need to develop a psychometrically sound standardized exam which will measure the minimal competency required to practice safe entry-level mental health technician care. The Board of Nursing needs to develop an exam using a multifaceted process that may include an evidence-based content outline, item development using mental health expert volunteers, and industry standard examination measurement principles. The Board of Nursing is currently in the process selecting a testing company to assist in the development of the exam. This change will be an approximately \$1,200 increase of revenue each year for the Board of Nursing and will cost each of the possible Mental Health Technicians \$20.00 more to take the exam.

**K.A.R. 60-16-102. Scope of practice for licensed practical nurse performing intravenous fluid therapy.** The proposed language deletes "excluding the initial dosage of medications or solutions" which clarifies that the Licensed Practical Nurse may administer IV solutions that may be the initial dose. There is no economic impact for the State Board of Nursing, other governmental entities, private business, or individuals.

Thank you and I will stand for questions.

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