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SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
Proponent Testimony
Senate Bill 252

Mr. Chairman & Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 252, for your interest in Medicaid expansion, and in the health of Kansans.

At The University of Kansas Health System, we know access to quality health care is a foundation of stable, thriving lives and communities. Every day we see the positive impact of patients being able to access quality care close to home in our hospitals and clinics across Kansas. And we appreciate the fact passage of this legislation would give access to approximately 150,000 Kansans who currently do not have access to care.

With expanded Medicaid coverage and less uncompensated care, hospitals and clinics throughout the state will be able to focus critical resources on evolving patient needs. It is especially important for smaller hospitals, as they will see a greater impact when Medicaid payments increase at the same time uncompensated care decreases. It will significantly impact their operations.

Additionally, as communities change, we must continue to rethink how healthcare is delivered across our state. The dollars saved by SB 252 can help us continue to create innovative models to address how health care is delivered in Kansas.

We believe SB 252 is a true compromise, allowing more Kansans to see a clearer path to meeting their health care needs.



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