



**Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
February 13, 2018**

Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation

In Support of SB 387

To Chairwoman Schmidt and Members of the Committee:

Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation (KPSC) serves independent pharmacies across Kansas with purchasing and operations services as well as advocacy on many legislative and regulatory issues. SB 387 is a step forward for the health care needs of Kansans. This bill would establish statewide pharmacy practice protocols regarding pharmacy drug management, administration and counseling. Importantly, this would not necessitate the need to come to the legislature each time a certain drug therapy protocol is to be brought forward.

A collaborative drug therapy management advisory committee is tasked to advise and make recommendations to both the state board of pharmacy and state board of healing arts as well as to study, develop, implement and review all statewide pharmacy practice protocols. This committee is made up of three physicians and three pharmacists and also a member of the board of pharmacy. This is meant to provide the important oversight function for any protocol/collaborate practice arrangement.

In the interest of addressing the drug therapy management needs of Kansans, we believe this bill, with identified protocols and advisory committee oversight, will serve Kansas well.

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