

## House Bill 2004

The Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) provides our support for Kansas House Bill 2004. KSNA represents the voice of our over 40,000 Registered Nurses in the state of Kansas and the communities we serve.

We support the protection of patients in adult residential care facilities against being transferred/discharged from their care facility without proper qualifications being met. The proper qualifications for being transferred or discharged should include, but are not limited to:

- The best interest for the patient's progression of health.
- A qualified physician's recommendation (including rationale) for continued plan of care.
- The patient or health power of attorney's request.
- Endangerment of the patient or facility, or dissolution of the facility as defined by requirements.

KSNA supports that all transfers or discharges should be appealable by the patient and/or healthcare Power of Attorney through a systematic process developed by each facility. KSNA requests better oversight of state agencies to ensure these procedures are followed as written in HB 2004.

The mission statement of the Kansas State Nurses Association includes that we will advocate for the health and well-being of all people. It is for that reason that KSNA submits our support of House Bill 2004.

We appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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And  
Kansas State Nurses Association Board of Directors