



Kansas Hospital
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To: Healthcare Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
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The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to submit the following testimony in support of the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund. The Kansas Hospital Association, a not-for-profit member organization, represents over 120 community hospitals and health care facilities across the State of Kansas.

The Fund was created pursuant to the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act over forty years ago. Since its inception, the Fund has served as a cornerstone to the availability of health care for the citizens of Kansas. The Fund's unique insurance arrangement governing mandated professional liability coverage for physicians, hospitals, and several other categories of health care providers acts to stabilize the medical malpractice arena, which in turn helps ensure the availability of health care providers in the State of Kansas to meet the growing health care needs of Kansans.

The Fund serves two critical functions by providing a source of affordable medical professional liability coverage for health care providers which in turn ensures that patients have a reliable source of recovery in the event patients are injured as a result of medical malpractice. The Fund is a significant resource for health care providers and the patients they serve.

The Kansas Hospital Association supports the continued operation and viability of the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund and the Act.