

# Kansas Academy of Physician Associates

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To: Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee

From: Doug Smith  
Executive Director  
Kansas Academy of Physician Associates

Date: November 14, 2024

Re: Health Care Stabilization Fund review

The Kansas Academy of Physician Associates is thankful for the opportunity to express our support for the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund. As the representative organization for physician assistants in Kansas, we would like to share our positive experiences and insights regarding the Fund.

Our members are fully aware of the challenges posed by malpractice claims and recognize the critical need for adequate and stable malpractice coverage with affordable premiums for the PA profession.

Since physician assistants were included under the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act in January 2015 (2014 HB 2516), our transition into the Fund has been seamless. Feedback from our members indicates that there have been no major barriers to accessing coverage in the insurance market. This security allows PAs to concentrate on providing the best possible care to their patients.

Furthermore, the PA profession in Kansas has experienced significant growth in recent years, and PAs have faced no difficulties in obtaining Kansas licensure as a result of participating in the Fund.

We greatly appreciate the dedication and responsiveness of the Health Care Stabilization Fund staff. Their support in addressing questions or concerns related to the physician assistant profession has been invaluable.

Thank you for your consideration.