



5. On June 10, 2022, an Emergency Order of Temporary Suspension was issued on Licensee's license to practice respiratory therapy in Kansas.
6. A hearing on licensee's emergency temporary suspension was noticed for July 12, 2022, to be held virtually.
7. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, Licensee was served with a Notice of Hearing on Emergency Temporary Suspension to Licensee's last known mailing address via United States Mail, on or about June 14, 2022, and via email. The Notice of Hearing on Emergency Temporary Suspension provided Licensee notice that any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or other stage of a proceeding may be held in default.
8. Licensee failed to appear at the Conference Hearing held on July 12, 2022.
9. The Presiding Officer finds the facts set forth in the Motion for *Ex Parte* Emergency Order of Suspension, are undisputed by Licensee and are incorporated here by reference.

#### Conclusions of Law

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520, the Presiding Officer holds Licensee in default for his failure to appear at the hearing on the emergency temporary suspension of his license to practice respiratory therapy in Kansas on July 12, 2022.

The Presiding Officer finds there is no other alternative to ensure public safety than for the suspension of Licensee's license to remain in place pending litigation on the underlying Petition for discipline. The Presiding Officer has determined there is reasonable cause to believe grounds exist for disciplinary action under K.S.A. 65-5510, K.S.A. 65-5510(a)(4), K.S.A. 65-5510(a)(2) as further defined by K.A.R. 100-55-5(d), and K.S.A. 65-5510(a)(2) as further defined by K.A.R. 100-55-5-(i). The Presiding Officer also finds the immediate continuation in practice by Licensee would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety because **CONFIDENTIAL** **CONFIDENTIAL** and Licensee has failed to controvert any of this to date.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS** that Licensee is hereby held in **DEFAULT** pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Licensee's **SUSPENSION** of his license to practice respiratory therapy in Kansas remains in effect.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 14th day of July 2022.

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**



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Courtney E. Cyzman, JD #27787 for  
Presiding Officer R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 2nd day of August 2022 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Kyle A. Strong, R.T.

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*Licensee*

A copy was hand delivered to:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director:

  
Staff Signature