

**STATE OF KANSAS  
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations**

A public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the board room at the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level – Suite A, Topeka, Kansas, to consider proposed amendments to two regulations pertaining to the licensure of and practice by Physical Therapists.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the above-referenced rule and regulations. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Kelli Stevens, General Counsel, at the Board of Healing Arts at the address above, or via e-mail to [healingarts@ksbha.ks.gov](mailto:healingarts@ksbha.ks.gov). All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views, orally or in writing, concerning the amendment of the proposed regulations during the public hearing. In order to provide all parties with an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant limit any oral presentations to five minutes.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the Economic Impact Statement for the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level – Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612; on the agency website at <http://www.ksbha.org/publicinformation/publicinformation.shtml>, by contacting Jenne Cook at (785) 296-2482, or by e-mailing the agency at [healingarts@ksbha.ks.gov](mailto:healingarts@ksbha.ks.gov).

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations being considered and the economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Barbara Montgomery at (785) 296-8558 or at [bmontgomery@ksbha.ks.gov](mailto:bmontgomery@ksbha.ks.gov). Individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities may contact the Kansas Relay Center at 800-766-3777 for communication accommodations. Handicapped parking is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and in the building's parking garage. From the street, both the West entrance to the building on Jackson Street and the North entrance on 8<sup>th</sup> Street are accessible.

A summary of the proposed amended regulations and their economic impact follows:

**K.A.R. 100-29-9.**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide clarity regarding the continuing education requirements for licensed physical therapists and certified physical therapist assistants and also add new activities which qualify for continuing education contact hours. A description of the criteria for the Board's exercise of discretion in granting an extension of time of completing continuing education has been added. The terms physical therapy residency or fellowship program, elected delegate, supervision of a student, continuing education program presentation, and physical therapy jurisprudence examination are also defined.

**K.A.R. 100-29-16.**

The purpose for amending this regulation is to define the term "minimum weekly review" in K.S.A. 65-2914(c) setting forth the subsequent review requirement for a physical therapist in instances where a physical therapist assistant has initiated patient care in a hospital setting because the physical therapist was not available. "Minimum weekly review" is defined to mean that the physical therapist evaluates and determines a plan of treatment within seven days of the initiation of treatment by the physical therapist assistant. The amendment also corrects a previous title error which referenced the "physical therapy council" to the correct term of "physical therapy advisory council."

The economic impact of the amendments to these regulations is anticipated to be a minimal cost to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts for staff time to update continuing education forms and processes, and educate licensees and stakeholders on the definition of "minimum weekly review." There is no anticipated cost to other agencies, businesses or individuals.