

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amended Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 9:30 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 amended regulations related to physician assistant continuing education.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the regulations. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Courtney Cyzman, General Counsel, at the Board of Healing Arts at the address above, or via e-mail to KSBHA_HealingArts@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views, orally or in writing, concerning the proposed amended 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 amended regulations and the Economic Impact Statement for the proposed amended 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 LeeAnn Hunter-Roach at (785) 296-4502, or by e-mailing the agency at KSBHA_HealingArts@ks.gov.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed amended 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 Sheila Rice at (785) 296-8558 or at Sheila.Rice@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 8th 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 8th Street are accessible.

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

K.A.R. 100-28a-5, K.A.R. 100-28a-16 (Continuing Education for Renewal, Reinstatement, Lapsed, and Revoked Licenses)

The purpose of these regulation amendments is to add a third required category of physician assistant continuing education activity addressing pain management, prescribing opioids, and the use of prescription drug monitoring programs under K.S.A. 65-28a04. The regulations add a third category of continuing education but do not increase the total number of continuing education hours required or change the process for renewal of a license.

These regulations were developed during publicly noticed open meetings of the Board, and the Board is following all notice and open meeting hearing requirements associated with promulgating these regulations, which will entail at least 3 more open meetings related to these regulations.

In the lay opinion of agency staff, the regulations enhance business activities because the regulations create a new category of continuing education activity and should enhance business activities that produce and deliver the new continuing education programs. There are no expected independent costs caused by implementation of the regulations apart from the routine agency and state staff resource costs associated with promulgating these regulations.

(See economic impact statement approved by the Department of Budget.)