

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amended Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.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 physical therapy licensure and compact fees, renewal and continuing education, and professional liability insurance.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed amended 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 below, 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. 100-29-7 Fees.

K.A.R. 100-29-9 License and certificate renewal; continuing education.

K.A.R. 100-29-15 Professional liability insurance.

The purpose of these proposed amended regulations is to incorporate language to reflect passage and implementation of the Kansas Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, K.S.A. 65-2925. Additionally, there is a revision in K.A.R. 100-29-9 that removes the limitation on the number of contact hours that may be pursued through correspondence, audio, video, or internet courses for continuing education.

The lay opinion of agency staff is that the economic effect on the affected businesses and business sector would be positive as the proposed amended regulations will increase public access to physical therapy services. Additionally, the removal of the 10-hour limitation on the number of contact hours will reflect the reality that licensees are completing more continuing education via non-traditional mediums such as audio, video, and internet. No net implementation and compliance costs are contemplated other than routine agency resources used in the regulation promulgation process and development of the application.

These proposed amended regulations were first discussed in an open Board meeting of which members of the public, business, and stakeholders could attend. The agency has had extensive discussions with members of the Physical Therapy Advisory council, which is made up of 5 members, including 3 members who are licensed physical therapists, a licensed physician, and a member of the Board of Healing Arts. Additionally, the APTA Kansas, a chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, has been in continual discussion and worked with the agency on the language.

(See economic impact statement.)