

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 24, 2019, 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 an amended regulation related to the licensure of and the practice by Acupuncturists.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the regulation. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Tucker Poling, 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 amended regulation 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 amended regulation and the Economic Impact Statement for the amended regulation 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 KSBHA_HealingArts@ks.gov.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the amended regulation 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 amended regulation and the economic impact follows:

K.A.R. 100-76-2. Licensure by examination The purpose of this revised regulation is to remove an unintentional barrier to licensure caused by: (1) language in the existing regulation requiring the licensure examination to specifically contain a separate and distinct biomedicine component of the national exam (biomedicine was not a separate component of the examination prior to 2005); and (2) omission in the existing regulation of “substantial equivalent” language to allow the board flexibility in assessing examinations from other jurisdictions that have equal or higher standards than the national examination.

The revised regulation is more flexible and less restrictive. The revision is likely to enhance business activity because it allows for more flexibility in licensing decisions and makes the process for approving new licenses for practitioners more efficient.