

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Administrative Regulation

A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 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 a proposed amendment to the regulation related to continuing education requirements for 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 amended 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 proposed 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 proposed amended regulation and the Economic Impact Statement for the proposed 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 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 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 proposed amended regulation and the economic impact follows:

100-76-6. Continuing education.

Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).

This regulation deals with the continuing education requirements for licensed acupuncturists in Kansas. The revisions will extend the continuing education period from 1 year to 2 years, there has been a removal of the limitation on CEU hours obtained online, there has been an addition of a quality requirement for hours obtained online, and overall there has been extensive reorganization for clarity, consistency, and brevity. This process involved the Acupuncturist Council and Kansas Association of Oriental Medicine. Additionally, the agency intends to comply with all public hearing requirements involved in the promulgation process. Although a qualified economist would be required to provide an expert opinion of the extent the regulation would impact economic growth, in the lay opinion of agency staff there will be no economic effect on specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, or local governments. (See economic impact statement approved by the Department of Budget).