



KHA's Capitol Comments

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Senate Insurance Committee Holds Hearing on Cost-Sharing Bill

Today, the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee held a hearing on [Senate Bill 409](#). The bill would prohibit cost-sharing requirements for insureds for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations for breast cancer.

Proponents included State Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, who shared her personal cancer journey; Dr. Amy Patel, Medical Director at Liberty Hospital; Ryan Reeza with Susan G. Komen; Dr. Michael Marrow with the Breast Cancer Imaging Center in Wichita; Megan Word with the American Cancer Society; and Peggy Johnson, a breast cancer survivor. Written testimony was provided by Representative Laura Williams (R-Lenexa) and Representative Linda Featherston (D-Overland Park). Committee member Senator Beverly Gossage (R-Eudora) asked how many plans in Kansas aren't under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner and which plans are under federal oversight. Insurance staff clarified that this isn't a new mandate and is broader, so it can be under state jurisdiction.

Opposition testimony came from Andrew Wiens of Kansans Employers for Affordable Healthcare, as well as written opposition from William Wilk of the Kansas Chamber.

The committee will meet again tomorrow and will begin working on bills at the end of each meeting.

House Health Holds Hearing on Bills

Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee held hearings on several bills.

[House Bill 2509](#) adds advanced practice registered nurse to the definition of health care provider for purposes of the Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act.

Proponent testimony was provided by Rachelle Colombo with the Kansas Medical Society.

Opposition testimony was provided by Dustin Baker with the Kansas Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Association.

Neutral testimony was provided by Clark Shultz with the Health Care Stabilization Fund.

[House Bill 2364](#) prohibits certain health insurers from requiring cost-sharing for nonopioid prescription drugs or from providing less favorable coverage for those drugs than for opioid or narcotic drugs.

The committee received proponent testimony from Anna Custer-Singh, Brenna Winn, Billy O'Bryan, Young People in Recovery, Kathy Sapp, the American Chronic Pain Association and Chris Fox of Voices for Non-Opioid Choices.

The committee saw bill introductions on topics related to:

- Pharmacists scope of practice;
- Adult care homes and resident rights and using pharmacy of choice without additional charges;
- Caps on charges for electronic health records and allowing relatives access to deceased relatives' health records;
- Aesthetics and Athletic Trainers' Compact for interstate licensure privileges; and
- Dealing with managed care organization accountability, and state hospital screenings to be allowed to be performed via telemedicine.

These bills will be assigned numbers in the coming days. The committee will meet again tomorrow.