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To: House Children and Seniors Committee

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Subject: HB 2418, Adult Care Home Licensure Act; Removal of outdated Rule and Regulation reference

Chairwoman O'Brien and members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony in support of H.B. 2418, the Adult Care Licensure Act; Removal of outdated Rule and Regulation reference. KDADS will have staff present who can answer questions should the committee need anything further clarified.

HB 2418 was requested on behalf of the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations when the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) promulgated new regulations concerning the certification program for nurse aides and medication aides. These certification programs are administered by the KDADS Health Occupations Credentialing unit.

HB 2148 is a technical clean-up to the executive reorganization legislation which brought the operations of the health occupations credentialing unit from the Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE) to KDADS. The original bill and the cleanup legislation did not provide for the KDHE regulations administered by this program to be transferred to KDADS.

KDADS is supportive of this legislation and is grateful for the Committee's work in identifying this issue and drafting a correction on this matter.