



July 6, 2015

The Honorable Lynn Jenkins
United States House of Representatives
1526 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jenkins:

On behalf of our 128 member hospitals, the Kansas Hospital Association is pleased to support H.R. 2878. This important legislation provides another one-year extension on the non-enforcement of the direct supervision policy for therapeutic services provided in critical access hospitals and rural hospitals with 100 or few beds.

As of January 1, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' is again able to enforce its misguided policy regarding the direct supervision for therapeutic services provided in CAHs and rural hospitals with less than 100 beds. This new policy of enforcement on CAHs and small rural hospitals may limit the hospital's ability to provide their outpatients with basic therapeutic services. These are services that have been provided safely in rural communities throughout the years. H.R. 2878 would provide a much needed delay in enforcement of the direct supervision policy for therapeutic services through 2015.

We are pleased to support your legislation and appreciate your commitment to Kansas hospitals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Bell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Bell
President and CEO