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Executive Order on Hospital Pricing Transparency

(June 25, 2019) – The Kansas Hospital Association joins other hospitals across the nation and the American Hospital Association in valuing the Administration’s efforts to promote health care transparency on price and quality. We look forward to more details as proposals come forward.

Kansas hospitals and health systems strongly support equipping patients with the information they need to make informed decisions about their care and its cost. Kansas hospitals currently work to provide patients with information on pricing, most often in a one-on-one setting.

Hospitals are committed to helping patients navigate their health benefits through the use of in-person counselors, who help them understand their coverage and evaluate any relevant financial assistance options. And some hospitals are developing web-based tools so that patients can easily search for this information online.

Consumers base their health care decisions not only on cost and quality but also on recommendations from their physicians, availability of specialized services and reputation, among others.

Consumers say they are most interested in what their out-of-pocket costs for care will be, what is covered by their health plan, which providers are in their networks and what their health plan’s cost-sharing obligations are in terms of their deductible and coinsurance.

Hospitals continue to advocate on aligning quality measurement requirements across the federal government to help focus on the measures that best improve health and outcomes.

Hospitals look forward to working with agencies as they develop specific plans with the ultimate goal of helping consumers better navigate their care.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 222 member facilities, of which 125 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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