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Dear Healthcare Provider,

As we have struggled mightily over the last two years responding to the Covid virus, one issue of particular importance has now become indelibly clear. Passive early treatment of Covid infections is no longer acceptable or the standard of care. **The standard of care is early treatment with FDA-approved medications regardless of their labelled uses.** Delays in institution of these treatments are no longer acceptable. The Healthcare Provider has a legal duty to ensure facilitation of treatment as expeditiously as possible. Delayed treatment worsens outcomes.

All Providers caring for those infected with Covid must have mastery of protocols heretofore considered beyond the FDA or CDC. The lack of availability of monoclonal antibodies remains problematic. Paxlovid and molnupiravir have availability and drug interaction issues as well. Ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, and fluvoxamine remain readily available and are historically well tolerated. The hundreds of studies utilizing these medications as part of a multidrug regimen used early and at correct dosages have a clear signal of significant efficacy that can no longer be dismissed.

With the recent passage of Senate substitute for HB 2280 by the Kansas Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and subsequently the Senate as a whole, there is no reason to think that prescribing problems will arise from pharmacist or Board of Healing Arts interference. In consultation with the legal community, indications are that **"failure to treat"** will now be considered **"wanton disregard."** As such, any perceived statutory immunity will be rendered invalid.

Providing care to the ill is difficult yet rewarding when done correctly and with a patient-first approach. I wish you the very best as our treatment of Covid becomes more sophisticated.

Sincerely,

Senator Mark B. Steffen, M.D.

Educational Resources-

- 1) Association of American Physicians and Surgeons- A Guide to Home-Based Covid Treatment PDF e-booklet
- 2) FLCCC Alliance- <https://covid19criticalcare.com/covid-19-protocols/>
- 3) Dr. Peter McCullough Early Treatment Protocol 2022