

STEP UP TO THE PLATE: PUTTING PHARMACIST STANDARD OF CARE INTO PRACTICE

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this activity, pharmacists and technicians will be able to:

1. **Differentiate** a standard of care regulatory model from a traditional bright-line scope of practice model and describe the pharmacist and technician authority established by Kansas HB 2068.
2. **Apply** the reasonable and prudent pharmacist and technician standard to patient care scenarios based on applicable law, clinical circumstances, and the pharmacist's education, training, and experience.
3. **Formulate** an initial implementation plan that addresses patient care gaps, team engagement, standard operating procedures, technology, documentation, liability, and performance measurement.

KANSAS AUTHORITY UNDER HB2068

What pharmacists may now independently initiate — and how we decide

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WHAT IS STANDARD OF CARE?

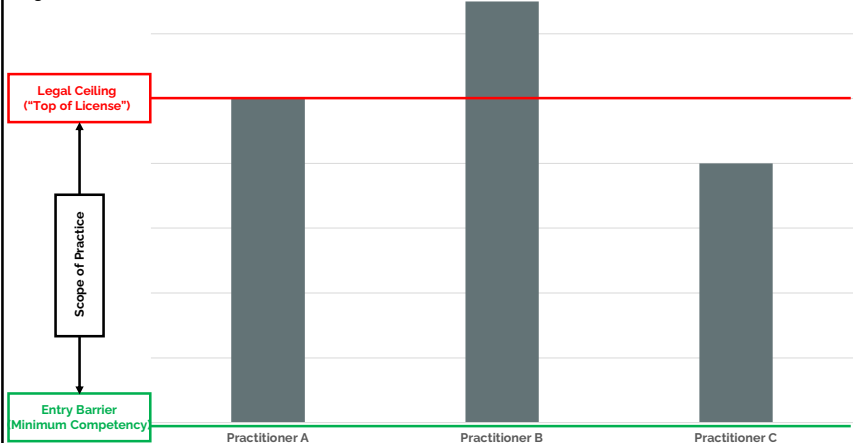
Brightline Regulation

- Fixed, objective rule written into law or regulation
- Predictable and easy to administer — little room for interpretation
- Requires frequent regulatory updates when practice, technology, or guidelines change

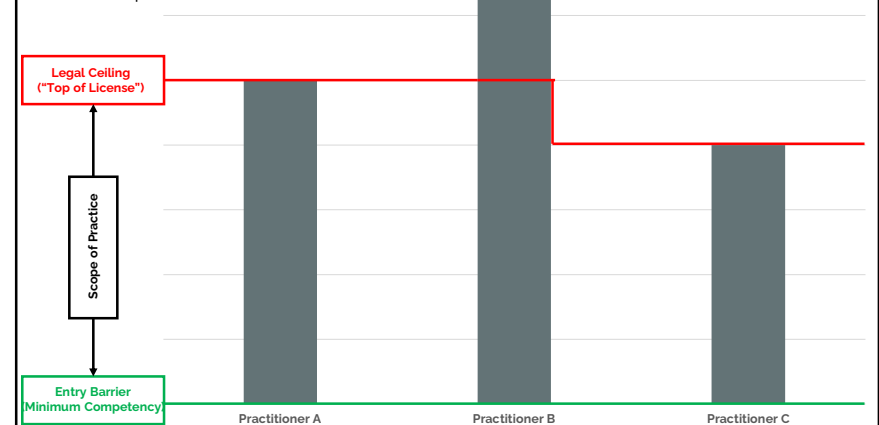
Standard of Care

- Flexible standard based on what a reasonably competent pharmacist with similar training would do in the same situation
- Determined by the specific clinical circumstances of each case
- Adapts automatically as practice evolves — fewer rule changes needed

Bright Line Model



Standard of Care Model Without Full Implementation



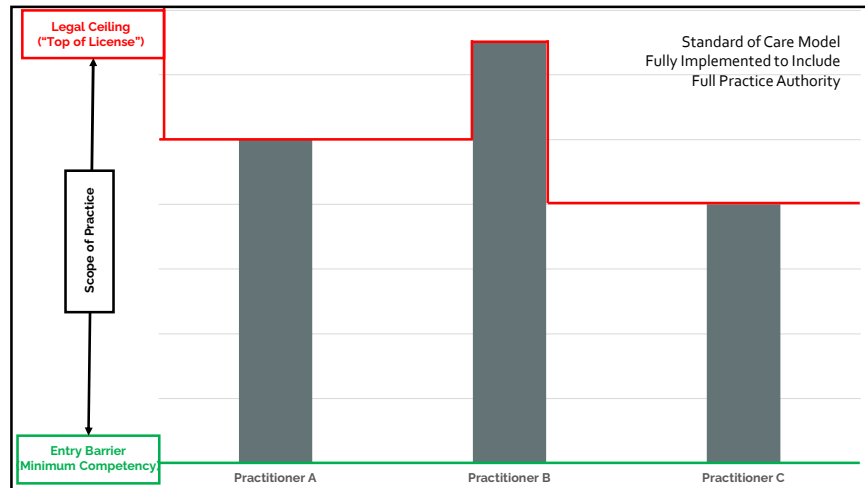
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STANDARD OF CARE AUTHORITY UNDER HB 2068

A pharmacist may initiate therapy (medications + DME) for a condition if it:

- Does not require a new diagnosis – OR –
- Is minor and generally self-limiting – OR –
- Has a CLIA-waived test that guides diagnosis or clinical decision-making – OR –
- In the pharmacist's professional judgment, is a patient emergency that threatens health or safety if not addressed immediately (then only enough supply until the patient can see their primary care provider)

STANDARD OF CARE APPROACH: CAN WE DO IT?

A pharmacist shall independently determine whether such act is:

- **Not expressly prohibited** by the Pharmacy Act or other Kansas law
- **Consistent with** the pharmacist's own education, training, and experience
- **Within the accepted standard of care** that a reasonable and prudent pharmacist with similar education, training, and experience would provide in a similar setting

STANDARD OF CARE APPROACH: CAN WE DO IT?

What would a reasonably prudent pharmacist with similar education, training, and experience do in this same situation?

LIMITS

Controlled Substances

- Pharmacists are not allowed to prescribe controlled substances under this new authority — except for medications used to treat opioid use disorder or for medication-assisted treatment.

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LIABILITY

- If a pharmacist uses the new authority to independently start therapy for a patient (under the Standard of Care rules in HB 2068), that pharmacist must carry professional liability insurance — the same type of malpractice insurance required of other healthcare providers.

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CAN WE PRESCRIBE?

Asthma Attack?	Yes – Patient Emergency
Poison Ivy Rash?	Yes – Mild and Self Limiting
Adjustment in Insulin Dose?	Yes – Not a New diagnosis
Strep Throat?	Yes – Assuming you ran CLIA-waived test
Birth Control?	Yes – Not a New Diagnosis
Travel's Diarrhea?	Yes – Mild and Self Limiting

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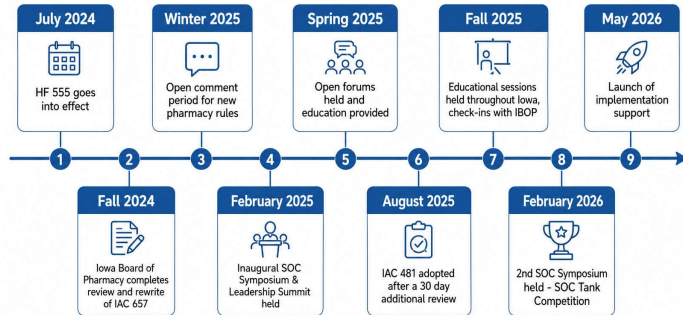
HOW DO YOU EAT A PLATTER OF BBQ?

- With a bib!
- Favorite BBQ sauce!
- No utensils needed!

Not quite for a standard of care platter...

Iowa Pharmacy Standard of Care Regulatory Framework

Key Adoption & Implementation Milestones



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PRACTICAL SNAPSHOT –

Standard of Care Best Practices

- Developed by the profession
- Start small
 - Review current services you offer
 - Review existing SOPs
 - Have conversations with your team
- Consider patient care gaps
- Identify opportunities to expand education and training
- Measure performance

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PRACTICAL SNAPSHOT –

Key considerations

- E-prescribing requirements
- Technology Gaps
- Liability
- Robust SOPs / Protocols
 - Don't recreate "Bright Line" regulations at a local level

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E-PRESCRIBING & TECHNOLOGY

- To be a provider you need to play by the same rules as other providers.
- Pharmacist prescribing may require e-prescribing technology
 - KPhA is seeking clarity
- How expansive is your software's ability to document patient visits?
- Is medical billing an option for you?

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LIABILITY & PROCEDURES

- Patient choice must be maintained
- No changes to current liability insurance requirements
 - If within scope, then you are covered
 - Check with insurance provider to confirm your coverage and the fine print
- Standard Operating Procedures
 - Review your SOPs → Update your SOPs
 - Don't overregulate yourself in your SOPs
 - Clear rationale for service, guidelines and similar education, training, and experience of a similar pharmacist in a similar setting

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ACTIVE LEARNING

What patient care gaps could you address in your practice setting?

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CASE STUDIES



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KEY TAKEAWAYS



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One bite at a time!

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Review and update any existing SOPs
- Identify existing opportunities within your patient base
- Have a conversation with your team on opportunities
- Take it one bite at a time and measure outcomes

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