

## 2021 Kansas Statutes

- 48-964. Same; hospital operations; admittance of patients; use of non-hospital premises; notice to the department of health and environment; expiration of section.** (a) (1) A hospital may admit patients in excess of such hospital's number of licensed beds or inconsistent with the licensed classification of such hospital's beds to the extent that such hospital determines is necessary to treat COVID-19 patients and to separate COVID-19 patients and non-COVID-19 patients.
- (2) A hospital admitting patients in such manner shall notify the department of health and environment as soon as practicable but shall not be required to receive prior authorization to admit patients in such manner.
- (b) (1) A hospital may utilize non-hospital space, including off-campus space, to perform COVID-19 testing, triage, quarantine or patient care to the extent that such hospital determines is necessary to treat COVID-19 patients and to separate COVID-19 patients and non-COVID-19 patients.
- (2) The department of health and environment may impose reasonable safety requirements on such use of non-hospital space to maximize the availability of patient care.
- (3) Non-hospital space used in such manner shall be deemed to meet the requirements of K.S.A. 65-431(d), and amendments thereto.
- (4) A hospital utilizing non-hospital space in such manner shall notify the department of health and environment as soon as practicable but shall not be required to receive prior authorization to utilize non-hospital space in such manner.
- (c) A medical care facility may permit healthcare providers authorized to provide healthcare services in the state of Kansas to provide healthcare services at such medical care facility without becoming a member of the medical care facility's medical staff.
- (d) As used in this section, "hospital" and "medical care facility" mean the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.
- (e) This section shall expire on March 31, 2022.

**History:** L. 2020, ch. 1, § 21 (Special Session); L. 2021, ch. 14, § 2; April 1.