

## **KAAP Policy on Submitting Testimony**

The Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP) has many opportunities to submit testimony on behalf of our members each year. Members are encouraged to participate in these opportunities so KAAP can be the voice of child health and pediatricians in the state. To maintain consistent and credible messaging the following process must be followed every time KAAP testimony is submitted:

- 1. Testimony is written by KAAP member or staff using a standardized template
- 2. Written testimony is edited (if needed) and approved by KAAP Public Policy Chair or the KAAP Executive Committee
- 3. Approved testimony is submitted to KAAP lobbyist to review and provide any suggested edits
- 4. If there are significant edits provided by the KAAP lobbyist, then those are sent to the author, who can give their initial approval prior to final approval by the KAAP Public Policy Chair or KAAP Executive Committee
- 5. Final written KAAP testimony is sent to KAAP lobbyist to submit

KAAP members are also encouraged to submit testimony as private citizens. Templates and technical support are available to members if they need it.