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NEWS BRIEFS: Kansas Scores as State No. 44 for Direct Access

Alexandria, Va.--If you're a physical therapist in Kansas, gear up for more patients knocking on your door.

Kansas Gov. **Kathleen Sebelius** recently signed into law House Bill 2483, as part of Senate Bill 11, to allow Kansas residents access to physical therapist services without a physician referral in certain circumstances, according to a May 11 American Physical Therapy Association press release.

Under the new law, patients can also receive instruction and information from physical therapists regarding workplace injury prevention and healthy living without a physician referral, APTA said.

Details: Under the legislation, patients are allowed 30 days of treatment from physical therapists without physician referrals if the patient has been referred to a PT for that condition within the previous year.

This makes Kansas the 44th state, plus the District of Columbia, to enact a direct access law.