



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No.:25-HA00030
Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A.)	
Kansas License No. 14-01066)	

ORDER AFFIRMING EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

NOW ON this 10TH day of July 2025, the Presiding Officer, upon due notice and having given Licensee, Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A., the opportunity to be heard in the matter, finds that sufficient evidence supports the March 17, 2025, Emergency Order of Suspension and that her SUSPENSION from the practice as a physical therapy assistant continues until such time as her situation no longer poses an immediate danger to the public health and safety or as otherwise ordered. The FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW are as follows:

1. On June 5, 2025, R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C., the duly appointed Presiding Officer in this matter, called to order the hearing on the March 17, 2025, Emergency Order of Suspension via the Zoom format.
2. No objections were made to the virtual format for the hearing, nor to the notice of hearing.
3. C. Sabastian Thomas Orosco, Associate Litigation Counsel, appeared virtually on behalf of the Disciplinary Panel #3
4. Dana S. Gifford appeared virtually on her own behalf.

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5. The Presiding Officer admitted the Panel's Exhibits one through 10 without objection. Notice of their existence had previously been identified to the Licensee by the Disciplinary Panel in filings.
6. The basis for the Panel's request for the continued suspension is as follows:

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7. K.S.A. 77-526 permits a state agency to use emergency proceedings when a situation involves an “immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare requiring immediate state agency action.”

8. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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11. In the meantime, and in the event no agreement is reached, this case shall proceed to a full hearing about what, if any, violations of the laws governing Licensee occurred and what, if any, discipline should be imposed.

WHEREFORE, because of the immediate danger posed by Licensee were she to resume practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant, Licensee's SUSPENSION REMAINS IN EFFECT until further order or action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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/s/ Derenda J. Mitchell, #11690, General Counsel for
Jerry R. DeGrado, D.C.
Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Order Extending Time to File Order** was served this 10th day of July 2025, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email addressed to:

Dana S. Gifford, P.T.A.

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and a copy was hand-delivered to the office of:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



Staff Signature

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