6/14/2017 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
  
During the 85th Legislative Session, TNP made giant strides to improve  
the practice environment for nurse practitioners in Texas and access to  
care for Texas patients. Check out our full 2017 Legislative Recap  
here:<http://www.informz.net/TNS/data/images/TNP%202017%20Legislative%20Reca>  
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€ Advancing our Agenda:  
 TNP worked with lawmakers to pass two of the six items on TNP¹s  
legislative agenda, including SB 654 (Seliger/Smithee) and SB 919  
(Rodriguez/Coleman). SB 654 gives APRNs the ability to see Medicaid/CHIP  
 patients, regardless of the insurance network of their delegation  
physician. SB 919 allows APRNs to sign death certificates for patients  
receiving palliative/hospice care.  
  
€ Coalition Building:  
 Together with the APRN Alliance, we formed the Coalition for Health  
Care Access - a group of over 20 business, consumer-advocacy, and health  
 care stakeholder groups supporting full practice authority -- and  
launched the Put Patients First campaign.  Thanks to the Coalition¹s  
efforts, we had a successful public hearing for HB 1415/SB 681 on April  
25, with supportive testimony from dozens of organizations.  
  
€ Protections for Nurses, Telemedicine, and Women¹s Health:  
 TNP was a part of several coalitions that advanced key bills for  
telemedicine, nursing, and women¹s health, including SB 1107 that  
removes the requirement for an initial face-to-face visit with a  
physician prior to receiving telemedicine.