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.