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Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners

NURSE PRACTITIONERS THE RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR MISSOURI

PLEASE SUPPORT

HB 1502 (Rep. Kelly)/SB 646 (Sen. Wallingford) – Removes unnecessary barriers that arbitrarily inhibit access to care. Existing law prevents Missouri's nurse practitioners from practicing to their level of training and education. Provisions contained within HB 1502 & SB 646 will permit NP's to help stop the growing void of healthcare practitioners in areas all throughout Missouri. Additionally, HB 1502 & SB 646 help provide defined roles and clarity for the NP in the healthcare delivery system and has the potential to save \$1.6 billion in Medicaid costs over a 10-year period.

HB 1574 (Rep. Rowland)/SB 745 (Sen. Sater) – Removes the unnecessary requirement for nurse practitioners to practice within 30–50 miles of their collaborating physician and expands the number of NP's that a physician may collaborate with. With modern technology, physicians and NP's can interact instantaneously through a variety of mechanisms. With a physician shortage in Missouri, especially in rural areas, the 30–50 mile arbitrary barrier is only exacerbating a decline in Missouri's healthcare outcomes.

HB 1992 (Rep. Kelly)/HB 2099 (Rep. Walker)/SB 821 (Sen. Cunningham) – Modifies nursing statutes to ensure that an advance practice registered nurse (such as an NP) has a voice on the Missouri Board of Nursing. Historically, both LPN roles have not been filled, and adding an NP to the Board of Nursing will provide the much needed perspective of a licensed APRN to help guide nursing policy and discipline.

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ABOUT MISSOURI'S NURSE PRACTITIONERS

With more than 6,600 nurse practitioners in the state of Missouri, NP's are located in every county no matter how rural or urban. Many NP's have multiple certifications and serve as the sole advanced healthcare practitioner in rural areas. Additionally:

- Nurse Practitioners have been providing high quality health care for over 50 years.
- 109 of 114 counties in Missouri are considered healthcare shortage areas. NP's stand ready to fill the arbitrary access void to help improve healthcare for ALL Missourians regardless of where they live.
- All 114 counties in Missouri are considered psychiatric shortage areas. Specialty trained psychiatric NP's are trained and capable of filling these shortages to improve mental health in Missouri.
- In a time where every dollar counts, nurse practitioners can save Missouri \$390,000 a day if allowed to practice to the level of their training and education.

- Because of the safe, evidence-based care provided by nurse practitioners, malpractice insurance premiums are comparatively low

- Nurse practitioners complete a rigorous academic and clinical education with many NPs obtaining their doctorate.

- In 2017 89% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs.

- Nurse practitioners serve the at-risk and underserved population. More than 1/2's of NP's accept Medicaid patients.

- The National Governors Association, Institute of Medicine, Federal Trade Commission, AARP, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and others have all called for the reduction of barriers to practice for APRNs.

- NPs hold prescriptive privileges in all 50 states and in D.C. That privilege is unnecessarily restrained in Missouri.

NURSE PRACTITIONERS PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF PRIMARY, ACUTE, AND SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- ORDER, PERFORM, AND INTERPRET DIAGNOSTIC TESTS
- DIAGNOSE AND TREAT ACUTE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS
- PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS AND OTHER TREATMENTS
- MANAGE PATIENT'S OVERALL CARE
- COUNSEL PATIENTS
- EDUCATE PATIENTS ON DISEASE PREVENTION AND POSITIVE HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE CHOICES