



Talking Points

Nurse Practitioners provide efficient, high quality, cost-effective, and comprehensive healthcare services.

States with signature authority for NPs have:

- Significantly **fewer emergency room visits** for non-emergent health care needs and lower admission rates
- **Better access to care**, particularly for the most vulnerable populations in **rural areas**
- **Increased** access to care
- **Decreased** health care costs

Death Certificates:

Currently: NPs cannot sign a death certificate in the state of Alabama but coroners and physician can.

Passage of SB46 will improve access to timely receipt of benefits, decrease costs, increase accuracy of cause of death

Texas, Arkansas and North Carolina, along with 26 additional states, allow providers such as NPs, and CNMs sign death certificates.

DNR:

Currently: NPs are not able to sign Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms.

Passage of SB46 will result in timely initiation of DNR orders/strong relationships between provider and patient, especially in hospice and rural settings. NPs are first line with the patient in many cases, especially with patients in hospice.

Ambulance Transfer:

Currently: NPs are unable sign for ambulance transport.

Passage of SB46 will result in timely transfer to home, nursing home, assisted living, or hospice

- **MASSIVE cost savings**
- Patient comfort
- Family emotional support
- Ensures **safe transport to home or nursing home**

Mention INCREASED ACCESS TO CARE, particularly in RURAL AREAS, as often as possible! (53 of the 67 counties in Alabama are designated rural)

Conclusion:

Passage of SB 46 **WILL NOT** increase scope of practice. However, passage of SB 46 bill **WILL**

- **Decrease** healthcare costs
- **Increase** access to care in rural areas & inpatient settings
- **Improve** outcomes for patients and/or their families
- **Facilitate** a timely response and eliminate patient suffering
- **Reduce** complications that arise when no one is there who can sign the paperwork/forms
- **Increase** patient/ family satisfaction