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## *Full Practice Authority for APRNs - HB 2066*

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### **HB 2066 allows APRN to practice to full extent of education and training**

- Removes the requirement for physician written protocol - Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA)
- Requires all Kansas APRNs to have national certification
- Requires all Kansas APRNs to carry malpractice insurance

APRNs (Advanced Practice Registered Nurses) are nurses with Masters and Doctorate level advanced training focused in Primary Care, Disease Prevention, Family and Child Health Management, and Chronic Disease Management. APRNs are trained to diagnose and treat their patients, and collaborate, consult and refer to other health care professionals.

### **Health Care Delivery has changed in States that allow APRN Full Practice Authority. Kansas needs to change too:**

- The removal of practice restrictions in other states has been shown to increase the number of licensed APRNs, allowing improved access to primary health care and mental health care services for Medicare, Medicaid, underserved and rural area patients.
- What APRNs “are able to do once they graduate varies widely for reasons that are related not to their ability, education or training, or safety concerns, but to the political decisions of the state in which they work.” (Institute of Medicine, 2010)

### **Full Practice Authority Improve Access to Care and Address Increased Demand:**

- Current regulations that restrict APRNs decrease competition, increase administrative burden, and contribute to increased health care costs with no discernible health benefits to patients
- Both insured and uninsured patients are challenged to find primary care providers
- Research shows states that have removed restrictions have improved access to care at a lower price for citizens
- Estimates by 2030 Demand for Primary Care will increase 38% for age 65+, 55% for age 75+
- Estimates by 2030 age 65+ with 1 Chronic Illness will increase from 43M to 59M
- Nationally 16,000 APRNs graduate annually, making it one of the strongest growing health care professions
- Currently, Kansas is only meeting 50% of the primary care need and 43% of the mental health care need in health professional shortage areas.
- FTC “Remove regulatory restrictions of APRN statutes to foster quality competition in health care.”
- AARP supports full practice authority for APRNs and notes regulatory barriers “short-change consumers”

### **Full Practice Authority have Proven Effective Quality Care:**

- 22 States and the District of Columbia allow for Full Practice Authority.
- The Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, and Bureau of Indian Affairs recognize Full Practice Authority for APRNs
- Eliminating restrictions on APRNs would result in an annual national cost savings of \$543 million (11.6 % reduction) in emergency room use for ambulatory care-sensitive conditions (conditions that are preventable or treatable by effective outpatient care)
- Numerous studies over the past 20 years provide evidence of quality care & lower health care costs
- Major organizations recommend removing outdated APRN scope of practice restrictions including: Kansas Chamber of Commerce, American Association of Retired Persons, Cerner, American Enterprise Institute, and the Federal Trade Commission.