

# SUPPORT FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY

Help Louisianans by Improving Access to Care. Remove restrictive regulatory barriers to allow APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

An APRN is an **advanced practice registered nurse** who evaluates patients, diagnoses, orders and interprets diagnostic tests, initiates and manages treatment – including prescribing medications.

APRNs:

- practice in a variety of settings including clinics, hospitals and private NP practices
- are licensed, independent practitioners, who practice autonomously
- diagnose and manage acute, chronic, and complex health problems, health promotion, disease management

## 4 APRN ROLES

- **Nurse Practitioners (NPs)**
- **Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM's)**
- **Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs)**
- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)**

NURSE



APRN

## EDUCATION

- APRNs must obtain graduate education at the masters, post-master's or doctoral level and obtain/maintain national board certification.
- NP education is different from MD education
  - NP Education builds on RN education and experience
  - Competency-based, not time-based.
  - NPs are educated in a specific role, MD's are educated across all roles.

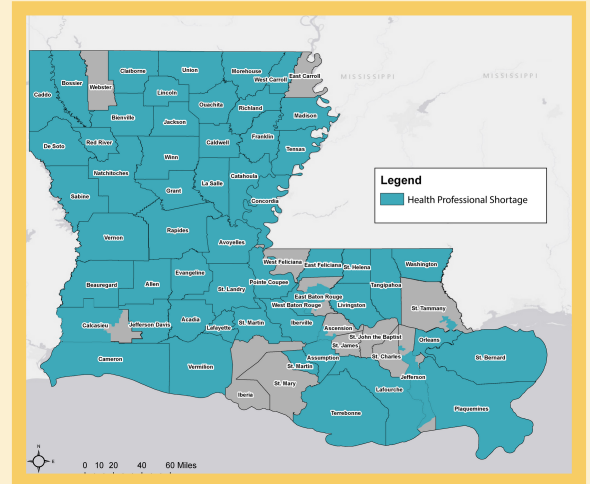
## PATIENT OUTCOMES & SAFETY

- Over 50 years of research concludes that APRNs provide safe, effective, patient-centered, evidenced based care (Research available upon request)
- Research shows improved patient outcomes, proper diagnosis, and appropriate management of specified medical conditions
- The Louisiana State Board of Nursing is directed by the Governor and the Louisiana State Legislature to assure the safety of patients in Louisiana.

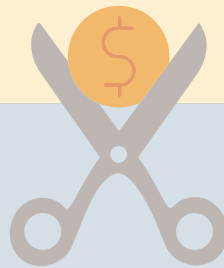


# GREATER ACCESS TO CARE

- There are over 5,700 APRNs, with more than 4,000 NPs licensed in LA.
- Almost 2 million LA residents live in a HPSA
- APRNs are twice as likely to provide essential care in rural & underserved communities
- Removal of unnecessary regulatory barriers:
  - Improves health outcomes directly related to access to care
  - Streamlines care delivery & removes delays in care



\*Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals



## HEALTHCARE COST-RELATED OUTCOMES OF NP CARE

Studies consistently report NP care cost-related outcomes are equivalent to those of physicians.

- Reduced length of stay
- Decreased emergency visits
- Minimized hospitalizations/re-hospitalizations

## \$720-730M SAVINGS

Removing barriers to NP practice increases access to care with projected savings of \$720-730 million over 10 years.

# SUPPORT FOR FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY

**25 states, the District of Columbia and the Veterans Affairs system have Full Practice Authority.**

These entities support allowing NPs to practice to the top of their education and licensure with removal of regulatory barriers:

- Presidential Executive Order 13890, Section 5 (October 2019)
- Federal Trade Commission
- The Institute of Medicine report *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* (2011),
- The National Governors Association (2012)
- American Enterprise Institute (2018)
- AARP (2011-2012)
- Bipartisan Policy Center (2012)
- National Conference of State Legislators (2013)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2012)



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