

SUPPORT FOR FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY

National Recommendations



THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE REPORT THE FUTURE OF NURSING: LEADING CHANGE, ADVANCING HEALTH (2011)

This report suggests that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), if permitted to practice to the full extent of their education and training, could help build the workforce necessary to meet the country's primary care needs and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered, community-based health care.

AMERICAN'S HEALTH RANKINGS

American Health Rankings ranks Louisiana # 49 in healthcare nationally, recommends increasing primary care capacity by empowering licensed personnel, including nurse practitioners and physician assistants, to provide more care to address the nation's primary care shortage.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

"We have reviewed sizable body of evidence related to whether there was any difference in quality of care when it was provided by APRNs rather than physicians. There is extensive empirical evidence that APRN practice outcomes are at least equivalent to those of physicians to which they are compared. And on some metrics, such as patient satisfaction, some studies have found APRN care is actually better."

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

The Federal Trade Commission agrees with eliminating state mandated APRN regulations instead favoring an open marketplace where consumers can fully realize the benefits of a competitive market where lower costs and high-quality services can spur innovation.

THE NATIONAL GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION (2012)

This review of health services research suggests that NPs are well qualified to deliver certain elements of primary care. In light of the research evidence, states might consider changing scope of practice restrictions and assuring adequate reimbursement for their services as a way of encouraging and incentivizing greater NP involvement in the provision of primary health care.

THE CATO INSTITUTE

"When physician groups argue to restrict the scope of practice of nurse practitioners, they argue that a broader scope of practice would threaten patient safety. Yet study after study has shown mid-level clinicians provide a level of quality equal to that of physicians performing the same services."

2019 AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION RURAL REPORT

"Nurse practitioners, midwives and physician assistants have helped to address the shortages. In fact, nurse practitioners and physician assistants currently account for 19 percent and 7 percent, respectively, of the primary care workforce and contribute substantially to the total supply of primary care visits. However, many state licensure laws limit the ability of advanced practice clinicians to practice at the top of their license, thus limiting the services they may offer to patients. Physician supervision regulations also may hinder maximal use of advanced professional staff."

State Recommendations



Commissioned by Governor John Bel Edwards

Remove restrictive regulatory barriers that prevent nurse practitioners from practicing to the full extent of their education and training.

HEALTH EQUITY TASK FORCE

Allow nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives to practice to the full extent of their licensure and education by removing practice barriers. This will expand access to care in Louisiana's health professional shortage areas and increase the supply of APRNs in the state and expand Medicaid recipients' access to care.

RESILIENT LOUISIANA TASKFORCE

Commissioned by Governor John Bel Edwards

Allow nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and certified nurse midwives to practice to the full extent of their licensure and education by removing practice barriers, which will expand access to care in health professional shortage areas (rural, tribal) in Louisiana and improve Medicaid recipients' access to care.



LOUISIANA ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Commissioned by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate

Allow healthcare professionals at all levels to practice to the full extent of their training and scope of practice.

LOUISIANA HEALTH WORKS COMMISSION – NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL

Commissioned by the Health & Welfare committees and Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations

APRNs (includes Nurse Practitioners) – Allow APRNs full practice authority to increase access to care and continuity of care in the absence of the Governor's Executive Order

