

APRN'S

The Right Rx For Missouri



A 2018 White House Report suggested states adopt full practice authority for APRN's to promote choice and increase competition, reduce costs, and improve quality in health care.

| REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS

| INCREASE HEALTH CARE ACCESS

| IMPROVE HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES



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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

- **State Licensed RN's and independent health care professionals**
- **Regulated by the Board of Nursing in 50 states, DC, and 4 US territories**



- **Hold a graduate degree in advanced nursing practice and a national certification in the respective specialty**
- **Educated to assess, diagnose, treat and prescribe for acute and chronic health problems**

REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS

- 11%-29% Reduction in state health care costs
- 50% reduction in unnecessary emergency room visits
- 48% reduction in post-discharge hospital readmissions
- 30% reduction in hospitalizations for preventable problems
- Collaborative Practice Agreements raise the cost of APRN-provided care
- Barriers to full APRN practice produce an unnecessary strain on Missouri's budget

INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE

- 75% of APRN workforce chooses primary care
- Missouri lacks a sufficient physician primary care workforce
- More likely to move to rural area resulting in 10% increase in APRN primary care providers
- APRN's & physicians agree that APRN's are "perfect for primary care"
- Removing CPA barriers results in improved access to high quality care in rural/underserved areas
- Removing CPA barriers will lower Missouri's significant health care disparities
- Nationally, APRN's conduct over 1.2 billion annual patient visits

IMPROVE HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES

- 50 years of research demonstrate the high quality of health care provided by APRN's
- No significant difference in the quality of care provided by APRN's compared to physicians
- APRN's often have higher patient satisfaction ratings
- APRN's have individual malpractice coverage and low rates of malpractice claims