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FULL PRACTICE **AUTHORITY**

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT

WHAT IS FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY?

WHAT IS IT?

Full Practice Authority is the authorization of nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients; diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests; and initiate and manage treatments — including prescribe medications — under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing.

Across the nation, the requirements for NP education, program accreditation and board certification are consistent with national standards. To become an NP, one must hold a bachelor's degree in nursing, be licensed as a registered nurse (RN), graduate from a nationally accredited graduate NP program that meets national standards for advanced didactic and clinical education and pass a national NP board certification exam. Despite these national standards within nursing, there is inconsistency in how state laws and legislative bodies authorize (license) NP practice in states.

This variability originated during the 1970s when states began to regulate NPs beyond their registered nursing license. While initial recognition of the NP was critical, over the past decades, this patchwork of practice authorization has led to significant challenges for NPs, their patients and health care delivery.

In Full Practice Authority (FPA) states, NP licensure is not contingent on unnecessary contracts or relationships with a physician or oversight by the state medical board. As a result, studies show that in FPA states, NPs are more likely to practice in rural and underserved areas and have improved NP workforce recruitment while meeting the highest care quality and safety standards. States that restrict or reduce NPs' ability to practice according to their abilities through limiting licensure authority are more closely associated with geographic health care disparities, higher chronic disease burden, primary care shortages, higher costs of care and lower standing on national health rankings.



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WHERE IS IT?

To date, nearly half of states and U.S. territories have adopted FPA licensure laws for NPs. These include: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

HOW WILL IT IMPACT PATIENTS?

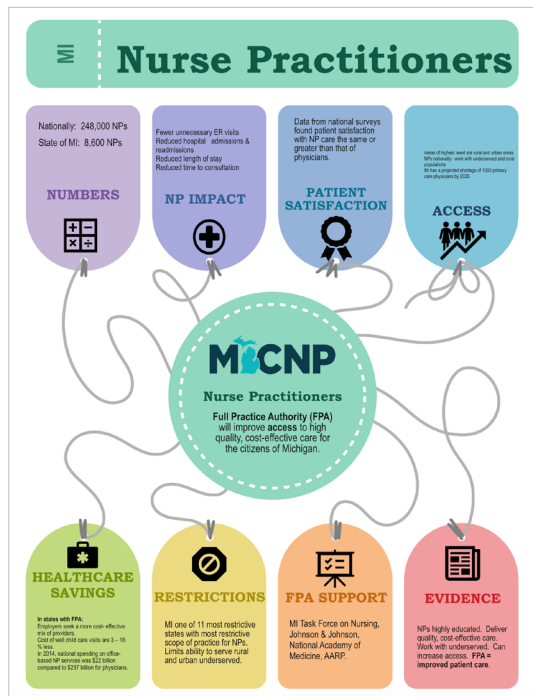
Adopting FPA for NPs provides patients with full and direct access to all the services that NPs are equipped to provide. FPA:

- **Improves Access** — FPA creates greater access to care, especially in underserved urban and rural areas. States with FPA are more likely to have NPs working in rural and underserved areas and NP practices than states with more restrictive licensure models.
- **Streamlines Care and Makes Care Delivery More Efficient** — FPA provides patients with full and direct access to the NP services at the point of care. FPA removes delays in care that are created when dated regulations require an NP be part of an unnecessary regulatory-mandated contract with a physician as a condition of practicing their profession.
- **Decreases Costs** — FPA avoids duplication of services and billing costs associated with outdated physician oversight of NP practice. FPA reduces unnecessary repetition of orders, office visits and care services.
- **Protects Patient Choice** — FPA allows patients to see the health care provider of their choice. FPA removes anticompetitive licensing restrictions that interfere with patient-centered health care.



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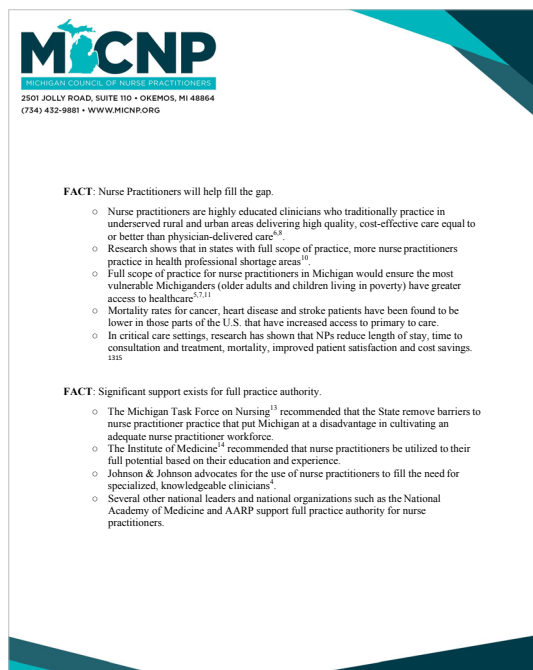
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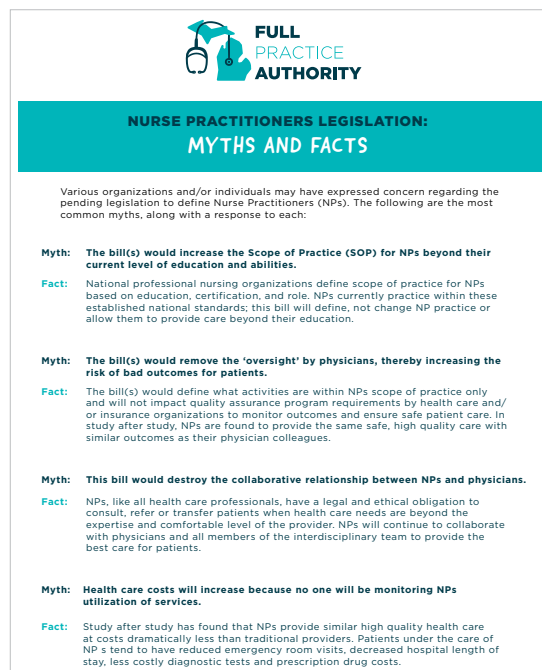
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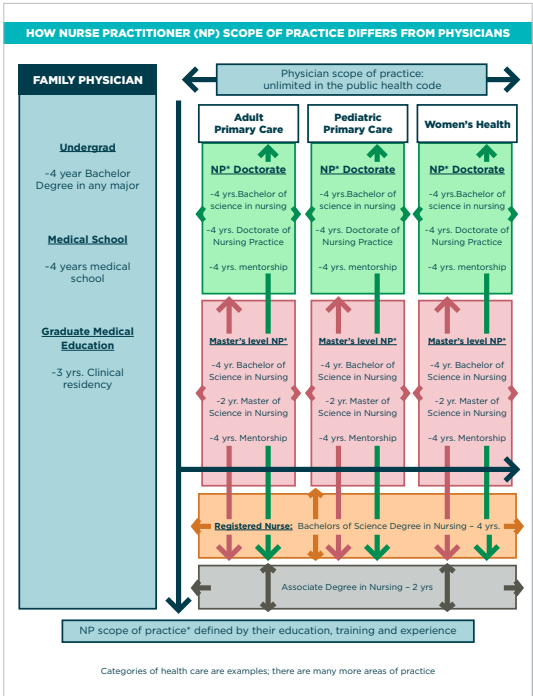
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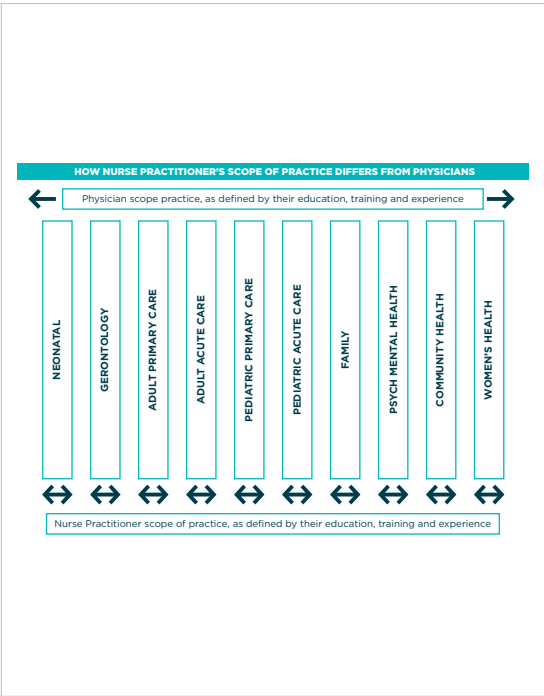
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Almost everyone we know has a social media account, whether it be for social or business use. There is no denying that social media plays a prominent role in our lives today, providing us with updates, keeping us connected with others, and promoting of events, products and services.

The Full Practice Authority Campaign will be an ideal place for us to highlight our goal. Following some of the suggestions below will help us amplify the message of FPA, improve health care, and encourage others to support the bill.

LIKE, RETWEET, AND SHARE

Educate and engage your own follower base by sharing what makes Full Practice Authority such an important issue. Like, retweet and share MICNP social media posts where we're highlighting specific topics or information regarding FPA. Add to the post by sharing your own experiences, what you believe Full Practice Authority will achieve or if you've participated in the program or event we're talking about.

USE THE HASHTAGS!

#FullPracticeAuthority, #FPA, #SupportNPs, #FPAinMI

FOLLOW MICNP ON EVERY SOCIAL CHANNEL!



SHOW YOUR FPA SUPPORT

Show your pride as an FPA supporter by creating a framed profile photo for your social media accounts. We've created three unique frames to highlight our supporters and nurse practitioners. Click on the links below to open the frame templates in Canva and upload your own photo into the frame. Then add the photo to your profile.

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Social Post C

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SHARE A TESTIMONIAL OR STORY

In celebration of the nurse practitioners we are supporting, we want to hear from you! MICNP wants to know what makes nurse practitioners so important to you – and why they deserve Full Practice Authority! Your answers could be featured on our campaign page or even on social media!

You can participate in the quick survey and only share responses to the questions you feel apply.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO SHARE

Tell your favorite memory or experience with a nurse practitioner or share what you believe full practice authority will bring to health care. Your story could offer insight to someone who has been interested in the bill and could help encourage them to support!



[Submit a Story](#)

TIPS FOR TELLING YOUR STORY

Make it personal or special to you! Show your personality and let your character shine. Talk to the audience as if you're an old friend, colleague, or someone they'd like to get to know.

Focus on your audience. As you begin telling your story, ask yourself, "What is it about my testimonial that will be meaningful and helpful to others?" Your experience with nurse practitioners is unique to you. Your voice matters.

OFFICIAL RESOURCES

Want to connect with influential people to gain support for the Full Practive Authority bill, but don't know where to start? We've got you covered. Use our letter templates to write to your representatives, senators, colleauges, patients or anyone you believe should support this bill.



[Download a Letter Template](#)

“Michigan is facing a healthcare provider shortage. It is estimated that by 2025 Michigan will need approximately 1000 primary care providers. This is compounded by the fact that many residents of Michigan do not have reasonable geographic access to a regular healthcare provider. Michigan nurse practitioners (NPs) are committed to the health and well-being of the residents of the state of Michigan.”



[Read the Executive Summary](#)

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