



# Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing

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## **Give Advanced Practice Nurses full statutory authority to practice**

Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing ("MOLN") supports the Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ("APRN") Coalition and its mission to improve patient access and choice to safe, cost-effective health care by removing statutory, regulatory, and institutional barriers that prevent APRNs from practicing to the fullest extent of their education and training. The research is clear, APRN's deliver safe, effective high quality care - cost effective care which is necessary to meet the future health care challenges.

### **THE FACTS**

- 17 states & the District of Columbia\* have full statutory authority for APRN's practice with no clinical, quality or safety issues identified, in fact APRN's have been found to be cost effective and a model for others states to emulate.
- Current process governed by individual state regulations and statutes has created significant barriers for APRN's to practice across the U.S. and has further decreased access to care for patients.
- The Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health research found that APRN's
  - must practice to fullest extent of education and training to reduce the overall cost of care
  - are safe, deliver high quality care, and are cost-effective

### **THE PROPOSAL**

Enact the APRN consensus model in Minnesota. This model provides a national baseline for APRN licensure, accreditation, certification and education. It also provides for public safety by requiring:

- Requires APRNs to be educated, certified and licensed in one of four APRN roles
- Requires additional education, certification and licensure in at least one of six population foci: family or individual across the lifespan, adult health and gerontology, neonatology, pediatrics, women's and gender related health, or psychiatric mental health.
- Requires graduation from an nationally accredited APRN master's or doctoral program that provides basic, standardized core courses as well as specific role/population-focused curriculum
- Successful completion of national certifying exam
- Attainment of ongoing recertification
- Scope of practice including prescriptive privileges, would be regulated by the Board of Nursing

### **THE BENEFITS**

- Improve patient access to cost-effective care
- APRNs have long, established track record of Safety and Quality
- APRNs are experts in holistic health including Health promotion & prevention APRN's are a cost effective strategy to assure consumers' improve their capacity for self-care/activation/lifestyle management of chronic diseases
- Laws are needed to remove legislative barriers that prevent citizen access to care
- This legislation would allow APRNs to practice their full scope without restraint of trade by another profession

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