

Give More Floridians Access to Safe & Quality Health Care

Support HB 607 by Representative Cary Pigman

Due to an increase in individuals who have gained health insurance coverage as well as the aging American population, many states, like Florida, are currently faced with the issue of meeting the increased demand for health care providers. **By removing unnecessary restrictions to APRNs, Floridians would experience an increase in access to safe and quality care services that better utilize the training and education of these qualified professionals resulting in overall better health care outcomes for patients.**

Benefits of House Bill 607

Increase Access to Care

- Only 2% of Florida physicians practice in our 30 rural counties.
- Removing state-mandated physician supervisory licensure requirements would allow APRNs to supplement health care options for patients and provide specialty services for patients across the state.

Reduce Unnecessary Regulations

- The White House report *Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition* calls on states to remove barriers to APRN practice to allow all healthcare providers to practice to the full extent of their education and training.
- Eliminating restrictions on APRNs will have a positive impact on Florida's economy estimated at **over \$1 billion** due to increased wages and new job creation.
- The Federal Trade Commission advised that "scope of practice restrictions may eliminate APRNs as a source of safe, lower-cost competition, and may restrict competition unnecessarily to the detriment of health care consumers."

Decrease Health Care Costs

- A 2018 study found that eliminating restrictions on APRNs will result in a total **cost savings to our health care system of \$968 million to \$9.5 billion.**
- Granting APRNs full practice authority would reduce costs for the individual, state and insurance companies alike.

Maintain Safe and Quality Health Care

- Multiple studies show that APRNs provide safe, quality care producing results that are comparable to physician provided care.
- No link exists between physician supervision requirements and increased quality of health care services.

**The State of Florida has an Opportunity to
Increase Access to Health Care for ALL Floridians**
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Quick Facts

- **Over 32,000** APRNs are licensed in Florida
- 4 nationally recognized APRN roles:
 - Certified Nurse Practitioners
 - Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- **30 states** and D.C. acted to remove restrictions on APRNs. Legislation is pending in multiple states to remove restrictions
- APRNs practice without state-mandated restrictions in the Veterans Health Administration, Indian Health Services, and the United States Military



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