ARNP Full Practice Authority for Florida

Full Practice Authority is the term used when State practice and licensure law provide for all ARNPs to practice to the full extent of their education, training and certification under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing.

Currently 21 states and the District of Columbia recognize Full Practice Authority (FPA).

The Problem: Physician Shortages

1. Current (2016) shortage in Florida of 1,150 physician
2. Projected Florida physician shortage of 3,500 by the year 2025 and 4,600 by 2030
3. Increase in aging population as baby boomers retire to Florida
4. Lack of access to health care providers drive up costs to the state and lows quality of life for citizens

Solution: Full Practice Authority for ARNPS

Healthcare Impacts of FPA for Florida

1. Elimination or near elimination of Primary Care Physician shortages in Florida
2. 15% reduction in shortage of OB-GYNs
3. 37% reduction of shortage of anesthesiologists

Economic Impacts of FPA for Florida

1. 4,500-10,300 new jobs created
2. $238-$547 million generated in increased wages and benefits
3. $542 million- 1.25 billion projected annual increased economic output to the state

Florida needs a cost effective, free market, creative solution to meet its health care provider needs.

1. Changing restrictive Nurse Practitioner licensure laws, has been demonstrated in other states to increase primary care access and reduce costs.
2. Less restrictive licensing also has shown an added benefit of attracting more Nurse Practitioners into a state, thus improving economic activity.
3. Almost half the states have adopted Full Practice Authority to address the shortages without adverse effect to the health of its citizens

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1 Robert Graham Center (2010) Florida: Projecting Primary Care Physician Workforce