



Nursing Community Coalition Responds to the American Medical Association's Latest Strategy that Would Reverse Access to Care

November 29, 2017–The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) is disappointed by the American Medical Association's (AMA) recent call for action that has the potential to impede access to care by qualified providers and complicates aspects of an interprofessional, team-based approach. Specifically, at AMA's recent House of Delegates Interim meeting, the association adopted an amended resolution to create a national strategy to obstruct state and national policies that would allow "non-physician" providers, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), from practicing to the full extent of their education, clinical training, and certification. The coalition firmly believes in the value added to the patient, family, and community through the delivery of care from all providers practicing to the top of their licensure.

The Institute of Medicine (currently the National Academy of Medicine) calls for the removal of barriers that prevent APRNs from full practice authority in its pinnacle report *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.¹ This has served as the platform for widespread efforts to examine scope of practice policies for nearly eight years by stakeholders both within and outside of professional nursing. Additionally, the Federal Trade Commission has urged states to review laws and regulations that stifle competition in the healthcare sector, as these impose unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on APRN practice, which can negatively affect patients.²

The Nursing Community Coalition firmly believes we must work together to put patients first.

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Nursing Informatics Association

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¹ Institute of Medicine. (2010). *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Retrieved from: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing-Leading-Change-Advancing-Health.aspx>.

² Federal Trade Commission. (2014). *Policy Perspectives: Competition and the Regulation of Advanced Practice Nurses*. Retrieved from: <http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/Policy/PDF/APRN-Policy-Paper.pdf>.

American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National League for Nursing
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Society of Pediatric Nurses