



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 consider 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.

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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>.

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