

Fact Sheet: What The New APRN Model Act/Rules and Regulations Will Do For You.

The new APRN Model Act/Rules and Regulations is based on the new Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education which was developed over a three year period through a consensus process and endorsed by 42 organizations. According to HRSA, there are over 6,000 primary care health professional shortage areas, involving 64 million people, in the United States. A goal of the APRN Consensus Model is to increase access to effective patient care by eliminating APRN practice barriers. Implementation of the new APRN model will enhance opportunities for workforce mobility and utilization.

- APRNs increase access to patient centered health care for your constituents.
- Studies show nationally certified APRNs provide high quality care, improve outcomes, and increase patient satisfaction.
- APRNs are proven high quality effective health care providers, many of whom are primary care providers.
- APRNs graduate from nationally accredited educational programs.
- In 12 states and DC, APRNs have independent practice and outcomes are very good.
- Implementing these regulations will increase access to health care through increased number of providers.
- Licensed independent practice leads to better tracking of outcomes, increases the transparency of billing and clarifies accountability.
- Physician enrollment in medical residency primary care training programs is decreasing, thereby compounding the current shortage of primary care providers.

What we need from you:

- Advocate to improve healthcare workforce and access issues.
- Meet with APRN leaders to discuss APRN model act/rules and regulations.
- Support licensed independent practice for APRNs to the full extent of their education and competency.
- Sponsor and support legislative change to enact the APRN model.