

APRNS: At the table or on the Menu..... take your pick

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Coalition

- ▶ This is the Voice and Legislative Arm working for APRNS (not CRNAs though)
- ▶ Made of NP and CNM Reps (8) all over state and SCNA
- ▶ About 1100 members
- ▶ <http://www.coalitionforaccesstohealthcare.com/resources>



APRN Legislation

- ▶ **Changes in Practice Act**
 - House Bill 3078 and Senate Bill 246
 - Both failed to pass 2016
- ▶ **New bill filed Jan 2017, number....**
- ▶ **Senate Bill 345**
- ▶ **House bill 3227**
- ▶ **Preceptor Tuition Tax Credit Bill**



What we did and are doing?

- ▶ Search for all regs/practice acts
- ▶ Develop changes in the regs for proposal
- ▶ Meeting with the key leaders of physician groups. agencies/institution
- ▶ Developed Fact Sheets and Talking points
- ▶ Testimony
- ▶ Collect Letters from Physicians, Agencies, and Patients to support us

Opposition

- ▶ Academy of FP
- ▶ SC medical association
- ▶ Will agree:
 - 60 miles
 - 4:1 ratio
 - Limited C2 RX



Timeline

- ▶ Prefiled legislation Early 2017.
- ▶ Did not include CRNAs
- ▶ 1 hearing
- ▶ Senate Medical Affairs



What is next?

- ▶ Continue to work on Scope of Practice: remove barriers to improve access, esp primary care and psych mental health
 - Remove Supervision
 - Remove Mileage
 - Remove Ratio
 - Increase to C2
 - Remove Delegated Act Terms
 - Met with key SCMA and SCAFP in Dec 2016 and again Jan 2018



What is next?

- ▶ NP/CNM Lobby Day 2015 a major success > 300 APRNs
- ▶ NP/CNM Lobby day Jan 26, 2016 a major success
- ▶ NP/CNM Lobby day Feb 14, 2017..... a major success
- ▶ NP CNM Lobby Day Feb 7, 2018



What is next?

- ▶ Met numerous legislators over summer and Fall 2017 and continue to meet, many APRNs came with us.
 - Sumter
 - Aiken
 - Mildands
 - Upstate
 - Myrtle Beach area
 - Charleston



What is next?

Proposed Compromise legislation....

- C2
- No mileage constraints
- No ratio
- Collaboration but practice/employment stipulates level of collaboration or supervision.
- Handicapped, DME, Homebound, and Give meds at Free Clinics



FTC Opinion

- FTC submitted their opinion on House Bill 3078 AND 3508 (physician bill)...
- Nov 3, 2015
- <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/policy-actions/advocacy-filings/2015/11/ftc-staff-comment-south-carolina-representative-jenny>



VA Ruling

- ▶ FPA for APRNs (NP, CNS, CNM) 2017
- ▶ YEAH!!
- ▶ Thanks to the many APRNs who made this happen.



SC Facts. WHY DO WE NEED TO CHANGE

- ▶ THE HEALTH CARE PROBLEM:
 - South Carolina ranks "F" in the nation in the United Health Foundation's health report card....Now 44
 - South Carolina is in crisis as we face a critical shortage of primary health care providers. ONE county with no PCP MDs, and 8 without OB MD
 - Folks use the ER for Primary Care, not very efficient and very costly.....
 - Top 15 reasons Medicaid folks sought the ER in 2016 was for PRIMARY CARE!!



SC Facts

- ▶ The American Association of Medical Colleges Center for Workforce Studies predicts that there will be a shortage of about 63,000 physicians by 2015, and 130,600 by 2025.

Parts or all of 46 counties in South Carolina are designated as medically underserved by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.



NP services and literature

- ▶ NP have safe prescribing practices and are more cautious and conservative in prescribing than physicians
- ▶ NP can manage 70 to 80 % of patients in primary care and 70 to 90 % in pediatrics.
- ▶ Patient satisfaction is high



Reimbursement

- ▶ Medicare is doing away with incident to billing
- ▶ No more MD signatures needed on NP notes for reimbursement under Medicaid
- ▶ Effective Jan 2017; SCDHHS Medicaid will reimburse NPs for psych MH services

QUESTIONS


