

## Putting Patients First Modernization of APRN Statutes in Kansas

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- ❖ We have no conflict of interest.
- ❖ We are not being paid by a special-interest group.
- ❖ We are here as professional APRNs with leadership and policy expertise

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## Objectives



- ❖ Review APRN Consensus Model & IOM Report
- ❖ Explore challenges and opportunities created by introducing a Bill
- ❖ Discuss the proposed APRN Bill and how it meets the Consensus Model language
- ❖ Examine current strategies for policy change

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**APRN Consensus Model**



**APRN definition:**

- ❖ "licensed independent practitioners who are expected to practice within standards established by the licensing body."
- ❖ National Certification
- ❖ Title: APRN- separate from RN license; 4 Recognized Roles:
  - ❖ Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM),
  - ❖ Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS),
  - ❖ Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and
  - ❖ Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP)
- ❖ Six population foci: family, adult-gerontology, pediatrics, neonatal, women's health, psych/mental health

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**IOM Report**



- ❖ All health professionals practice to the full extent of their education and training.
- ❖ Remove APRN scope of practice (SOP) barriers
- ❖ Provide APRN direct reimbursement from 3rd party
- ❖ Ensure that APRNs are eligible for clinical privileges, admitting privileges, and membership on medical staff
- ❖ Expand access to quality care by utilizing APRNs
- ❖ Not physician extenders or substitutes; APRNs integrate skills including medicine, social work, nutrition, physical therapy grounded in nursing education

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**American Hospital Assoc. White Paper**



- ❖ Current state licensing acts restrict some practitioner's full scope of practice & create a barrier to redesigning primary care.
- ❖ The APRN will increasingly be used as the admitting provider and hospitalist, especially acute care patients.
- ❖ Move away from the physician as the only team leader
- ❖ APRNs will be full partners in collaboration with and complementary to primary care and specialty physicians.
- ❖ Full partners in the design, implementation, improvement, and evaluation of health care delivery.

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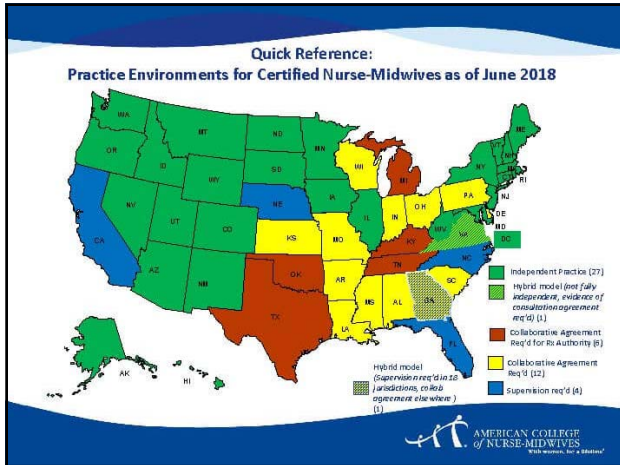
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## Kansas "Report Card"

Dedicated to assuring access to cost effective, high quality APRN care in Kansas.

- ◊ Brief overview of **current** Kansas Statutes
- ◊ Written protocol, responsible physician
  - ◊ collaborative agreement language in Rules/Regs
- ◊ No requirement for malpractice insurance
- ◊ No requirement for national certification
- ◊ No definition of APRN practice
- ◊ APRN Taskforce -2008, unstructured, started from KSNA
- ◊ Transition to Kansas Advanced Practice Nurses (KAPN) in 2016.
- ◊ Now Professionally "at the Table"

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## Proposed Bill Highlights

Dedicated to assuring access to cost effective, high quality APRN care in Kansas.

- ◊ **Definition:** *conducting an advanced assessment; ordering and interpreting diagnostic procedures; establishing primary and differential diagnoses; prescribing, ordering, administering and furnishing therapeutic measures as set forth by Board of Nursing; delegating and assigning therapeutic measures to assistive personnel; consulting with other disciplines and providing referrals to health care providers.*
- ◊ Require **national certification**
- ◊ Require **malpractice insurance**
- ◊ **Removes "written protocol authorized by a responsible physician" language.** (AKA the "collaborative agreement" in Rules and Regs)

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**Get involved**



- ❖ Goal: Introduce bill January 2019
- ❖ Your voice and involvement needed:
  - ❖ Help with connecting with patients, business, organizations
  - ❖ Educating legislators-personal visits, emails, phone calls
  - ❖ Monitor the opposition
  - ❖ Talk with your legislator, your patients, your family, your doctor, .... About our bill and why

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**APRN voices are needed to:**



- ❖ Partner with KAPN leaders and meet with agency administrators,
- ❖ Attend Board of Nursing meeting Dec 12 to show support
- ❖ Attend upcoming conferences to talk about full practice authority, help staff the KAPN booth at these conferences:
  - ❖ WSU conference Sept 27-28 (Wichita)
  - ❖ KANA Oct 12-14 (Wichita)
  - ❖ Wheat State APRN Conference Oct 12-13 (Hays)
  - ❖ Advanced Practice Professionals (APP) Conference (Kansas City)
- ❖ Participate in other nursing conferences
- ❖ Let KAPN know what you are doing to support our patients

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**APRN voices are needed to:**



- ❖ Your story is needed: access problems; benefits of full practice authority
- ❖ Contact/visit legislators; at the Capitol, (at home)
- ❖ Speak up on social media share our story
- ❖ Help strengthen KAPN, recruit new members, grow our organization, meet with APRN students
- ❖ Share your APRN expertise in videos; patient stories, testimonies of support
- ❖ Offer your ideas in support of our patients and the profession, in working toward FPA

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## Elevator Speech



- ❖ Brief introduction, eye contact, shake hands
- ❖ Describe your role
- ❖ State your case, use details, avoid jargon
  - ❖ I wanted to visit with you about the APRN legislation bill #\_\_
  - ❖ I'll give you 3 main reasons that this bill would benefit Kansans:
    - ❖ Increase health care providers: Kansans have more choices & access
    - ❖ Rural hospitals and communities need and rely on APRNs for emergency department/clinic/hospital/nursing home, help control overhead costs
    - ❖ Majority of mental health management provided by APRNs; passing our legislation helps ensure continuity of mental health care, not dependent on whether psychiatrist signs agreement
  - ❖ What are your thoughts about this? Have you had experiences with nurse practitioners before?
  - ❖ I would be honored to visit with you more about this issue, there are other aspects of the bill to discuss. Can I call your office and see you again?
  - ❖ Give your business card, encourage legislator to call you anytime
  - ❖ Send a thank you

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## Discussion/Questions

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