Texas has a health care workforce crisis. APRNs can help.

Remove barriers to APRN care.

MORE **ACCESS**, MORE **OPTIONS**

26 states grant NPs full practice authority, 18 states waived delegation during COVID.

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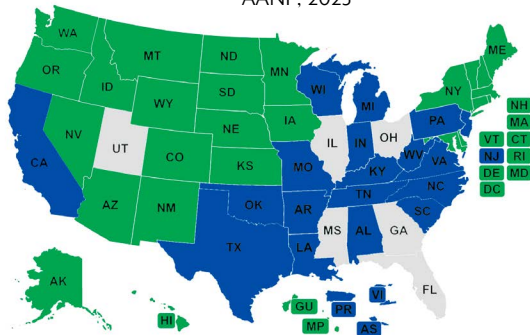
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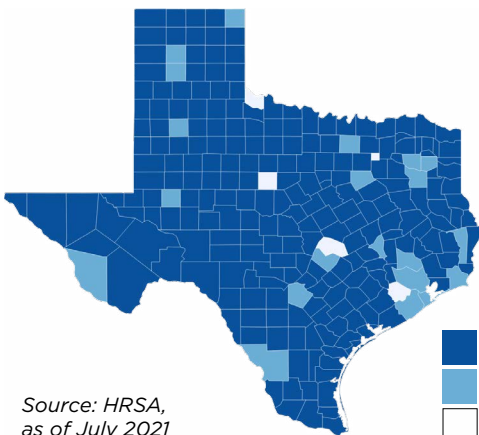■ states that waived delegation during COVID

72.6% of Texas NPs are licensed in an area of primary care

36% of physicians are licensed in an area of primary care

Texas BON, DSHS, 2020

NPs make up almost half of the primary care workforce in Texas. The state could double access to primary care by removing delegation barriers.

TEXAS PRIMARY CARE SHORTAGE AREAS

228 of Texas's 254 counties are primary care shortage areas, up 99 counties since 2019

Rural Health Information Hub, HRSA, 2021

■ Whole county is shortage area

■ Part of county is shortage area

□ None of county is shortage area

Source: HRSA, as of July 2021

TEXANS NEED EXPANDED ACCESS TO CARE:

- NPs are more likely to serve in rural and underserved areas.
- NPs increased by 43% in rural areas, and now represent 1 in 4 rural providers.[1]
- NPs are more likely to see Medicaid and Medicare patients. 83.2% of NPs accept Medicare and 81.9% of NPs accept Medicaid.[2]

NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE LEAVING THE STATE:

- Texas invests millions in education just for nurses to take those skills to other states.
- Nurses who live in Texas are already practicing across state borders instead of in Texas.
- 71.73% of NPs said they would consider practicing telemedicine across state lines; 51% would consider moving to another state to practice.[3]

APRN SCOPE OF PRACTICE REMAINS THE SAME:

- APRNs would only be doing work they already do — just without the needless administrative and financial burdens.
- Texas already ended direct, on-site physician supervision in 2013.[4]
- The current law requires only a monthly phone call and any number of chart review for care that was delivered in the past.

[1]Journal of Health Affairs, 2016: Journal of Health Affairs, Rural And Nonrural Primary Care Physician Practices Increasingly Rely On Nurse Practitioners, 2016
[2]AANP, 2023: NP Fact Sheet
[3]TNP Member Survey, 2022
[4]SB 405, 83 R