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Support HB 1415 by Klick and SB 681 by Hancock

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Texas Medicaid Faces a Critical Provider Shortage

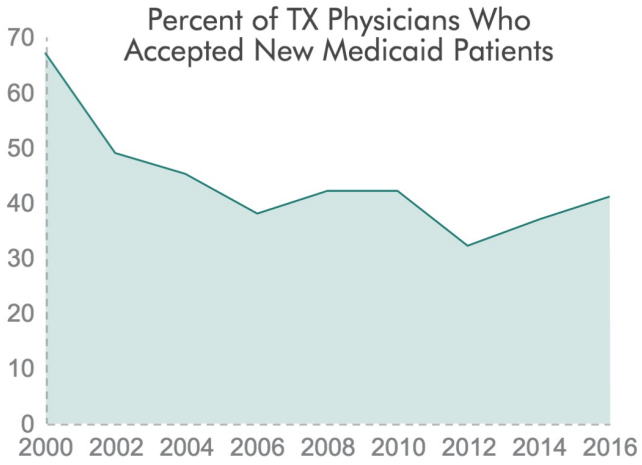
Over the next two years, Texas Medicaid will grow by 52,000 to serve 4.1 million children, seniors, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities

There are simply not enough health care providers who will accept these patients.

APRNs can help.

The number of Texas physicians who accept all new Medicaid patients has declined 26% since 2000, according to the Texas Medical Association. (1)

Nationwide, nearly 80% of nurse practitioners accepted new Medicaid patients in 2016. (2)



APRNs Reduce Costs for Medicaid While Also Increasing Quality

States without APRN restrictions experience 50% fewer unnecessary hospitalizations of Medicare and Medicaid patients. (3)

Florida found that their state could realize between $7 million and $44 million in savings to the Florida Medicaid system by easing restrictions on APRNs. (4)

Help reduce Medicaid costs and solve the Medicaid Provider Shortage:
Vote for HB 1415 and SB 681

(1) TMA 2016 Physician Survey Findings and Results, https://www.texmed.org/uploadedFiles/Current/2016_Advocacy/2016_Physician_Survey_Findings.pdf
(2) 2016 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Sample Survey, https://www.aanp.org/all-about-nps/np-fact-sheet
(3) Nursing Outlook (2014), "Impact of nurse practitioners on health outcomes of Medicare and Medicaid patients."
(4) The Florida Legislature Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (2010). Available at: http://www.floridanurse.org/arnpcorner/ARNPDocs/OPPAGAScopeofPracticeMemo.pdf

End the unnecessary burden of 1) a physician supervision requirement, 2) expensive Pay-to-Play contracts, and 3) dual regulation by both the Texas Board of Nursing and the Texas Medical Board.

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Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) are Masters or Doctorate level healthcare providers who are subject to specific occupational licensing barriers which limit access to care for patients and drives up the cost of healthcare in Texas.

The Coalition for Health Care Access urges all Texas legislators to join us in supporting SB 681 by Sen. Hancock and HB 1415 by Rep. Klick to remove these antiquated barriers to occupational freedom and provide greater access to care for patients around Texas.

Texas Business Leadership Council

AARP Real Possibilities

Texas Association of Business — The Texas State Chamber

Center for Public Policy Priorities

TORCH

Texas Public Policy Foundation

LeadingAge Texas

Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. — "Serving Humanity to Honor God"

Texas Impact — people of faith working for justice

The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

R Street — Free markets. Real solutions.

NAMI Texas — National Alliance on Mental Illness

TNP — Texas Nurse Practitioners

Texas Nurses Association

APRN Alliance

TxCNS

TxANA — Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

CTCNM — Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives — a midwife for every neighborhood

Veterans Deserve Care

NLAC — Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition

PABAT — Physician Assistant Business Alliance of Texas

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