

# NP "SUPERVISION"

What does Texas law say about nurse practitioners?

Texans for  
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## NURSE PRACTITIONERS

- Earn specialized masters- or doctorate-level training from an accredited university
- Pass national board certification and exams
- Must pass a rigorous Texas Board of Nursing licensing review



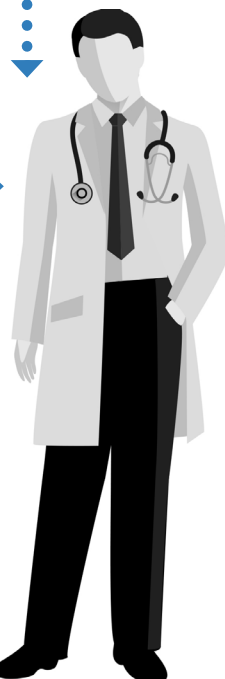
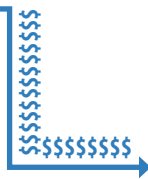
NPs care for Texans every day. But Texas law requires them to contract with a physician for "supervision."



These contracts cost NPs an average of **\$6,000 per year.**



*In some settings, physicians can delegate to an **unlimited** number of NPs.*



These "supervising" physicians are **not responsible** for the NP's actions. The NP is solely responsible for care provided. Collectively, NPs spend **millions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of hours on red tape**, not direct patient care.

## BY LAW, THESE PHYSICIANS:

- **Don't** need to see or provide care for the NP's patients
- **Don't** need to review a minimum number of patient charts
- **Don't** need to approve or sign off on the care provided by the NP to patients
- **Don't** have to set foot in the clinic or even be in the same city as the NP

## CURRENT LAW REQUIRES:

- **One** monthly face-to-face visit

**Cut health care costs.  
Support Texas patients.**

**Pass SB 2438  
and HB 1792**

Texas needs to join 24 states, all branches of the military and the VA by **passing SB 2438 and HB 1792** to improve health care access and decrease costs.