



## **Nursing Community Coalition Responds to the American Medical Association's Latest Strategy that Would Reverse Access to Care**

November 29, 2017–The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) is disappointed by the American Medical Association's (AMA) recent call for action that has the potential to impede access to care by qualified providers and complicates aspects of an interprofessional, team-based approach. Specifically, at AMA's recent House of Delegates Interim meeting, the association adopted an amended resolution to create a national strategy to obstruct state and national policies that would allow "non-physician" providers, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), from practicing to the full extent of their education, clinical training, and certification. The coalition firmly believes in the value added to the patient, family, and community through the delivery of care from all providers practicing to the top of their licensure.

The Institute of Medicine (currently the National Academy of Medicine) calls for the removal of barriers that prevent APRNs from full practice authority in its pinnacle report *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.<sup>1</sup> This has served as the platform for widespread efforts to examine scope of practice policies for nearly eight years by stakeholders both within and outside of professional nursing. Additionally, the Federal Trade Commission has urged states to review laws and regulations that stifle competition in the healthcare sector, as these impose unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on APRN practice, which can negatively affect patients.<sup>2</sup>

The Nursing Community Coalition firmly believes we must work together to put patients first.

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association

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<sup>1</sup> Institute of Medicine. (2010). *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Retrieved from: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing-Leading-Change-Advancing-Health.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Trade Commission. (2014). *Policy Perspectives: Competition and the Regulation of Advanced Practice Nurses*. Retrieved from: <http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/Policy/PDF/APRN-Policy-Paper.pdf>.

American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
National League for Nursing  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Society of Pediatric Nurses