Developing the Workforce to Provide Health Care for an Expanding Population of Insured Texans

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Comprehensive Care Model - Across Settings, Across the Lifespan

• Primary care/Occupational Health
• Management of Chronic Illnesses
• Co-manage Acute Care with Specialist/Hospitalist
• Discharge Planning
• Transitional Care
• Health maintenance, Prevention
Effect of Supervision on Productivity

• Supervising physicians had direct encounters with **18.9** patients per day, versus **21.4** patients for physicians who did not supervise.


• Each increase in clinical-decision making results in **23.7%** increase in outpatient clinical productivity.

Autonomous Practice for APRNs is part of the Solution

- Physicians, freed up from supervision, can see more patients
- APRNs can see more patients
- APRNs can relieve physicians of low-complexity patients to see more high-complexity
- Not required to find a supervising physicians, APRNs could be more attracted to rural areas
Diagram of Delegated-Site-Based Prescriptive (Rx) Authority for APRNs in Texas

**STEP 1: TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING REGulates APRNs**
BON Verifies Education and National Certification & Issues Rx Authority Number to Qualified APRNs

**STEP 2: TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD REGulates DELEGATING PHYSICIANS**
Is Physician Willing to Delegate Prescriptive Authority and Meet Supervision Requirements from 1 of 4 Categories?

- **Site Serving Medically Underserved Population (MUP)**
  - Public Health Clinic
  - Rural Health Clinic
  - Located in HPSA
  - Located in MUA
  - DSHS-determined MUP

- **Primary Practice**
  - Physician onsite 50.1% of the time
  - OR
  - APRN seeing physician’s patients in a:
    - Licensed Hospital
    - Long-Term Care Facility
    - Adult Daycare Facility
    - Patient’s Residence
    - School-Based Clinic
    - Any place physician is present
  - AND
  - If physician with APRN 50.1% Voluntary Charity Care Clinic Declared Disaster Site

- **Alternate Practice**
  - Within 75 miles of physician’s practice or residence;
  - Services similar to physician’s primary site

- **Facility-Based Practice**
  - 2 Long-Term Care Facilities
  - OR
  - 1 Licensed Hospital

- **Supervision**
  - Limited to 4 FTEs (including alternate site)
  - QA Process
  - Consistent with sound medical judgment
  - Reviews & signs delegation protocol
  - May only delegate Rx authority for patients with whom the physician has or will establish a physician/patient relationship

- **Supervision**
  - Limited to 4 FTEs (including primary site)
  - Physician onsite 10% with APRN /month
  - 10% chart review (electronic or onsite)
  - Keeps log of onsite activities
  - Available by phone for referral, consultation or emergencies
  - Reviews & signs delegation protocol

- **Supervision**
  - Limited to 4 FTEs (including both LTC facilities)
  - QA Process
  - Consistent with sound medical judgment
  - Reviews & signs delegation protocol

- **Physician & APRN complete TMB’s online Delegation of Prescriptive Authority process.**

- **Qualified APRN May Prescribe Dangerous Drugs**