

## **APRN Full Practice Authority for Florida**

Full Practice Authority is the term used when State *practice* and licensure law provide for all APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education, training and certification under the exclusive licensure *authority* of the state board of nursing.

**Currently 21 states and the District of Columbia recognize Full Practice Authority (FPA).**

### **The Problem: Physician Shortages<sup>1</sup>**

- Current (2016) shortage in Florida of 1,150 physician
- Projected Florida physician shortage of 3,500 by the year 2025 and 4,600 by 2030
- Increase in aging population as baby boomers retire to Florida
- Lack of access to health care providers drive up costs to the state and lows quality of life for citizens

### **Solution: Full Practice Authority for APRNS**

#### **Healthcare Impacts of FPA for Florida**

- Elimination or near elimination of Primary Care Physician shortages in Florida
- 15% reduction in shortage of OB-GYNs
- 37% reduction of shortage of anesthesiologists

#### **Economic Impacts of FPA for Florida<sup>2</sup>**

- 4,500-10,300 new jobs created
- \$238-\$547 million generated in increased wages and benefits
- \$542 million- 1.25 billion projected annual increased economic output to the state

**Florida needs a cost effective, free market, creative solution to meet its health care provider needs.**

- **Changing restrictive Nurse Practitioner licensure laws, has been demonstrated in other states to increase primary care access and reduce costs.**
- Less restrictive licensing also has shown an added benefit of attracting more Nurse Practitioners into a state, thus improving economic activity.
- Almost half the states have adopted Full Practice Authority to address the shortages without adverse effect to the health of its citizens

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Graham Center (2010) Florida: Projecting Primary Care Physician Workforce

<sup>2</sup> Unruh, I., Rutherford A., Schirle, L.,(2016) What Role Do Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners have in Meeting Florida's Health Needs and Contributing to its Economy? A Brief Report.