



April 26, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 1375 (Atkins) Nurse Practitioners – Support

Dear Senator Portantino:

CHA has long supported clinical practitioners working to their full scope of licensure to practice and maximizing the role of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) by expanding their practice authority. SB 1375 makes necessary clarifications to existing law - AB 890 (Wood, Ch. 2020) - allowing nurse practitioners (NPs) meeting specified criteria to practice independently without physician supervision.

The eligibility requirements in AB 890 (Wood, Ch. 2020) for NPs to practice independently includes:

- certification from a nationally accredited certifying entity
- completion of postgraduate transition to practice requirements - three full-time equivalent years of practice or 4600 hours

The postgraduate transition to practice (TTP) is a period of time intended to allow newly licensed NPs to receive hands on experience and mentoring, working under physician supervision. However, this requirement lacks recognition of NPs with years of physician supervised practice experience being able to apply that experience immediately. SB 1375 will clarify that NPs who have been practicing for three or more years, satisfy the TTP requirement established in AB 890 (Wood, Ch. 2020).

By allowing experienced nurse practitioners, who have been practicing in good standing under physician supervision for decades, to utilize prior experience to fulfill the TTP requirement, California can increase its ability to quickly expand access to high-quality care, especially for those who need it most. NPs are more likely to see and take on new Medi-Cal and uninsured patients and they can help close the provider gap in communities where accessing health care is already a challenge.

SB 1375 is a key step to ensuring that thousands of qualified and experienced nurse practitioners (NPs) are available to provide services for communities who need them.

Sincerely,

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