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Re: APRN Scope of Practice - Fluoroscopy

To Whom It May Concern,

I write this letter on behalf of the Platte Institute. The Platte Institute is a public policy organization dedicated to removing economic barriers for Nebraskans. It is our understanding that there is a proposal to consider whether advanced practice nurse practitioners (APRN's) should be allowed to receive training for and be able to perform fluoroscopic services for patients in Nebraska.

Since 2016, the Platte Institute has done a lot of work in the occupational licensing and scope of practice arenas, and we feel this current 407 review is reasonable as the current regulatory burden limits the care patients in Nebraska are able to receive.

We support this 407 review for the following reasons:

- Our neighboring states Colorado, Wyoming, and Iowa allow APRN's to utilize fluoroscopy for patient treatment without evidence of patient harm.
- Nebraska is facing a shortage of healthcare workers, particularly in rural parts of the state, and it is not uncommon for an APRN to be the sole provider available in a healthcare setting.
- Allowing healthcare professionals like APRN's to practice at the top of their scope is cost effective.
- Delays in patient care can lead to adverse outcomes and increased healthcare costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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