

**THIS IS A SAMPLE LETTER. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU CAN DO IS TO
PERSONALIZE IT.**

I am commenting on the proposed rule from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the use of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) at the VA.

<<Optional – you could describe yourself and your practice if you choose.>>

As you know, over 6,000 APRNs currently provide a full range of services to our veterans in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Recognizing the full practice authority for all APRNs is the right policy at the right time to improve veterans' timely access to the highest quality healthcare they have earned and deserve while insuring the long-term sustainability of the VHA.

In particular, I am pleased that this rule:

- (1) Is based on careful study and stakeholder engagement. In particular, the proposed rule implements the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine to remove scope-of-practice barriers; and
- (2) Is consistent with other efforts to improve access to high value, patient-centered care. The VA notes that the proposed changes in this rulemaking would not be "completely novel or unexpected to the general public or other federal entities that provide health care services to beneficiaries."

<< Optional, add in any additional comments you may have here. >>

Thank you for moving forward with implementing this rule. It is past time that APRNs be allowed to provide safe, high quality health care that our nation's veterans deserve.

Sincerely yours,