



August 17, 2011

The Honorable John Olver
United States House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Olver,

On behalf of the 44 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we applaud your efforts to champion the *Medicaid Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants Access Act of 2011* (H.R. 2134). The Nursing Community is a forum for national professional nursing associations to build consensus and advocate on a wide spectrum of health care and nursing issues, including practice, education, and research. We are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and therefore fully support H.R. 2134.

According to the Institute of Medicine's 2010 report *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, APRNs should partner with physicians and other providers in redesigning health care in the United States. APRNs, including nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists, currently serve as essential providers to those most in need of quality care. If implemented, H.R. 2134 would help further this reality.

Specifically, your bill would recognize all nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives as primary care case managers, include APRNs under Medicaid fee-for-service plans, and include all APRNs within the mix of providers under Medicaid managed care organizations. APRNs are proven as valuable healthcare providers to underserved populations and are effective in decreasing hospital readmissions, improving quality of life, and promoting preventative care practices among patients.

The Nursing Community stands ready to provide any support we can offer toward advancing this important legislation. We appreciate your efforts to further promote the role of APRNs through H.R. 2134 and the greater impact broader coverage will have on the public.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Nursing

American Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American College of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Holistic Nurses Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Asian American and Pacific Islander Nurses Association
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Nurses Society on Addictions
International Society of Nurses in Genetics
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society



August 17, 2011

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
United States Senate
722 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1102

Dear Senator Inouye,

On behalf of the 44 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community, we applaud your efforts to champion the *Medicaid Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants Access Act of 2011* (S.56). The Nursing Community is a forum for national professional nursing associations to build consensus and advocate on a wide spectrum of health care and nursing issues, including practice, education, and research. We are committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and therefore fully support S. 56.

According to the Institute of Medicine's 2010 report *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, APRNs should partner with physicians and other providers in redesigning health care in the United States. APRNs, including nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists, currently serve as essential providers to those most in need of quality care. If implemented, S. 56 would help further this reality.

Specifically, your bill would recognize all nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives as primary care case managers, include APRNs under Medicaid fee-for-service plans, and include all APRNs within the mix of providers under Medicaid managed care organizations. APRNs are proven as valuable healthcare providers to underserved populations and are effective in decreasing hospital readmissions, improving quality of life, and promoting preventative care practices among patients.

The Nursing Community stands ready to provide any support we can offer toward advancing this important legislation. We appreciate your efforts to further promote the role of APRNs through S.56 and the greater impact broader coverage will have on the public.

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