

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1709 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: TJ Marti

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1709

By: Marti

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to advanced practice registered nurses; providing definitions; increasing the number of SoonerCare patients advanced practice registered nurses can provide care for; providing exception; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 570 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this section:

1. "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" means a licensed Registered Nurse:

- a. who has completed an Advanced Practice Registered Nursing education program in preparation for one of four recognized Advanced Practice Registered Nurse roles,

- 1           b.    who has passed a national certification examination  
2                    recognized by the Board that measures the Advanced  
3                    Practice Registered Nurse role and specialty  
4                    competencies and who maintains recertification in the  
5                    role and specialty through a national certification  
6                    program,
- 7           c.    who has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and  
8                    skills in preparation for providing both direct and  
9                    indirect care to patients; however, the defining  
10                   factor for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is  
11                   that a significant component of the education and  
12                   practice focuses on direct care of individuals,
- 13           d.    whose practice builds on the competencies of  
14                   Registered Nurses by demonstrating a greater depth and  
15                   breadth of knowledge, a greater synthesis of data, and  
16                   increased complexity of skills and interventions, and
- 17           e.    who has obtained a license as an Advanced Practice  
18                   Registered Nurse in one of the following roles:  
19                   Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified  
20                   Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified  
21                   Nurse Practitioner.

22           2.    "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program authorized  
23           by 42 U.S.C., Section 1396a et seq. The program provides medical  
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1 benefits for certain low-income persons. It is jointly administered  
2 by the federal and state governments;

3 3. "Primary care providers" means a provider under contract  
4 with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide primary care  
5 services and case management, including all medically-necessary  
6 referrals; and

7 4. "SoonerCare" means the Medicaid program administered by the  
8 Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 570.1 of Title 59, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. Except as otherwise provided by subsection B of this  
13 section, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may serve as primary  
14 care providers to as many as Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500)  
15 SoonerCare members.

16 B. The director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall  
17 have the discretion to waive the numerical limit otherwise  
18 prescribed by subsection A of this section.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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