

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1709

By: Marti of the House

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4 Garvin of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to Advanced Practice Registered  
9 Nurses; defining terms; increasing the number of  
10 SoonerCare patients Advanced Practice Registered  
11 Nurses can provide care for; providing exception;  
12 providing for codification; and declaring an  
13 emergency.

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

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

19 As used in this section:

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

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

3 b. who has passed a national certification examination  
4 recognized by the Board that measures the Advanced  
5 Practice Registered Nurse role and specialty  
6 competencies and who maintains recertification in the  
7 role and specialty through a national certification  
8 program,

9 c. who has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and  
10 skills in preparation for providing both direct and  
11 indirect care to patients; however, the defining  
12 factor for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is  
13 that a significant component of the education and  
14 practice focuses on direct care of individuals,

15 d. whose practice builds on the competencies of  
16 Registered Nurses by demonstrating a greater depth and  
17 breadth of knowledge, a greater synthesis of data, and  
18 increased complexity of skills and interventions, and

19 e. who has obtained a license as an Advanced Practice  
20 Registered Nurse in one of the following roles:  
21 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified  
22 Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified  
23 Nurse Practitioner;

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

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

9        4. "SoonerCare" means the Medicaid program administered by the  
10 Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

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

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

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

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Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate