

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1709

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9                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

21                   As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

11 4. "SoonerCare" means the Medicaid program administered by the  
12 Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/20/2023 -  
5 DO PASS, As Amended.

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