

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1709

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to advanced practice registered
8 nurses; providing definitions; increasing the number
9 of SoonerCare patients advanced practice registered
nurses can provide care for; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

16 As used in this section:

- 17 1. "Advance Practice Registered Nurse" means a licensed
18 Registered Nurse:
- 19 a. who has completed an Advanced Practice Registered
20 Nursing education program in preparation for one of
21 four recognized Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
22 roles,
 - 23 b. who has passed a national certification examination
24 recognized by the Board that measures the Advanced

1 Practice Registered Nurse role and specialty
2 competencies and who maintains recertification in the
3 role and specialty through a national certification
4 program,

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

11 d. whose practice builds on the competencies of
12 Registered Nurses by demonstrating a greater depth and
13 breadth of knowledge, a greater synthesis of data, and
14 increased complexity of skills and interventions, and

15 e. who has obtained a license as an Advanced Practice
16 Registered Nurse in one of the following roles:
17 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified
18 Nurse-Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified
19 Nurse Practitioner.

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

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

5 4. "SoonerCare" means the Medicaid program administered by the
6 Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

10 Advance Practice Registered Nurses may serve as primary care
11 providers to as many as Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500) SoonerCare
12 members. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care
13 Authority may increase this number at his or her discretion.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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