



Dear Colleague,

We, the APRN White Paper Task Force Members and Authors, request your organization's endorsement of *The Status of APRNs in Missouri: A White Paper, 2nd Edition*. The white paper, completed through collaborative work of multiple groups with extensive input from a much larger APRN community, details the status of APRNs in Missouri.

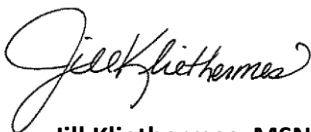
MONA was gratified that many of the elements and recommendations of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on the Future of Nursing are reflected in our ongoing work to advance the nursing profession. Implementation of **IOM Recommendation 1: Remove scope-of-practice barriers** is a current focus for MONA. *Advanced practice registered nurses should be able to practice to the full extent of their education and training.* Changes to our health care system are needed that capture the full economic value of nurses and take into account the growing body of evidence that links nursing practice to improvements in the safety and quality of care.

Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) should be called upon to fulfill and expand their potential as primary care providers across practice settings based on their education and competency. By virtue of their regular, close proximity to patients and their scientific understanding of care processes across the continuum of care, nurses have a considerable opportunity to act as full partners with other health professionals and to lead in the improvement and redesign of the health care system and its practice environment.

Endorsement by your organization would send a message of strength, not only to the nursing community, but to the larger health care and legislative communities as well. The names of endorsing organizations will be included in the white paper and updated on the Missouri Nurses Association website. We hope to include your organization in the list of endorsements. You are also encouraged to create a link on your organization's website to the white paper.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

# The Status of APRNs in Missouri: A White Paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

## LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

I/we endorse *The Status of APRNs in Missouri: A White Paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* which includes:

- Key reports regarding the need for improved access to care and improved patient safety, quality and efficiency in the delivery of healthcare services support the importance of removing barriers to Missouri citizens' access to the full scope of services available from Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).
- APRNs are safe practitioners who deliver high quality, cost-effective care with low malpractice and litigation rates.
- APRNs have been delivering care in the United States for decades.
- There is tremendous interstate variability in statutes and regulations governing APRN practice.
- Statutory and regulatory change must occur in order for patients in Missouri to access APRN care.

APRNs who have education beyond the basic nursing education and are certified by a nationally recognized professional organization, are qualified to safely and effectively deliver health care services. To ensure that all Americans have access to needed health care services and that nurses' unique contributions to the health care team are maximized, federal and state actions are required to update and standardize scope-of-practice regulations to take advantage of the full capacity and education of APRNs.

APRNs provide high quality patient care and provide cost-effective access to care. The current restrictions on Missouri APRNs negatively impact Missouri citizens. Patients are better served when APRNs, physicians and other health professionals function as full partners to improve access to healthcare in Missouri.

By signing this letter, I/we agree to endorse *The Status of APRNs in Missouri: A White Paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. I/we understand our name may be used in a list to promote *The Status of APRNs in Missouri: A White Paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* as evidence for the need to allow APRNs to be fully utilized and offer patients full access to all healthcare providers.

This endorsement does not show commitment to provide specific financial contributions to this legislative effort, nor does it show support any one organizational member on the list of endorsers.

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