

Dear Senator/Representative,

My name is _____. I am writing to alert you of a crisis threatening healthcare access across our state. Insurance companies have begun terminating Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial contracts with autonomous nurse practitioner (APRN)–owned practices without cause.

These actions directly undermine the progress made under HB 607 (2020), which granted APRNs autonomous practice authority to expand care in rural and underserved areas. Terminations and denials now jeopardize patient access, destabilize the healthcare safety net, and disproportionately harm seniors, children, and individuals with chronic or complex conditions.

The consequences are clear:

- Increased emergency room use for non-emergent conditions
- Longer wait times for patients seeking care
- Disruption of EMS diversion programs
- Elimination of continuity for medically fragile patients

Our lawmakers have to act now by supporting legislation and regulatory protections that:

- Prohibit insurers from terminating APRN-owned practices without cause
- Safeguard Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial coverage access
- Ensure rural and community patients retain lifeline providers

APRNs are proven, trusted, and essential to Florida's healthcare delivery. Protecting their ability to practice is protecting Florida's patients.

Respectfully,