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TO: Members of the Technical Review Committee
FROM: Richard Evans, Director of Government Affairs
SUBJECT: Number of CAAs and Supervision Ratios

At the previous hearing NANA presented some information on the numbers of CAAs practicing in other states and supervision ratios that weren't accurate. Below are some of their statements and our response.

NANA stated:

- NANA statement: 12 states license AAs to practice in the manner proposed for Nebraska.
    - CAAS are subject to licensure by 15 states (note, Kentucky requires a CAA to be a PA), the US Territory of Guam, and the District of Columbia
    - CAAS are authorized to practice via delegatory authority in 4 states (Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas)
- NANA statement: Of those 12 states, 4 have zero or very few practicing AAs.
    - Please see the list below for the number of CAAs practicing in each state and DC
    - Utah is the most recent state to pass licensure legislation and will begin to issue licenses on January 1, 2023
    - Kentucky law requires a CAA to also be a PA which has resulted in no CAAs practicing there
- NANA statement: Three states (SC, KY, NM) and two territories (D.C., Guam) listed are limited to 1:2 or 1:3 ratios.
    - South Carolina has a 1:2 ratio but the medical board supports changing it to 1:4 and legislation will be filed in 2023 to make this change
    - New Mexico has a ratio of 1:4 at the University of New Mexico and 1:3 in all other class A counties
    - Kentucky law requires CAAs to be PAs so we currently don't have any CAAs practicing there. However, Kentucky law (KY Rev. Stat. § 311.854) provides that a physician may supervise no more than **four PAs.**
    - DC law was amended in **2006** to provide that the **supervision ratio is 1:4**
    - There are no CAAs practicing in Guam.

- NANA statement: Of the 12 states, several have 0 or less than 20 AAs, including AL, VT, WI, UT.
    - Below is a list of the CAAs practicing in each state. **None of these states** have less than 20 CAAs practicing in them except for Utah, which will begin licensing CAAs in January 2023. Wisconsin has 153 CAAs practicing there.
- NANA statement: Only 8 states have 20 or more AAs practicing in the manner proposed for NE.
    - **All of the states** listed below and DC **have more than 20** CAAs practicing there.
    - NANA's statement ignores four states that allow CAAs to practice under delegatory authority. Pennsylvania and Kansas have recently confirmed the ability to practice under delegatory authority and we're still working to get CAAs practicing there. But Texas and Michigan have had CAAs practicing for many years. Texas has approximately 240 CAAs while Michigan has approximately 28.

STATE	CAAs	Practice authorization
AL	25	Licensure
CO	100	Licensure
DC	105	Licensure
FL	673	Licensure
GA	1000	Licensure
IN	107	Licensure
MI	28	Delegatory authority
MO	150	Licensure
NC	58	Licensure
NM	50	Licensure
OH	350	Licensure
OK	24	Licensure
SC	62	Licensure
TX	240	Delegatory authority
VT	24	Licensure
WI	153	Licensure