

April 10, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for allowing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), specifically Nurse Practitioners (NPs), to utilize fluoroscopy within their scope of practice. This expansion is crucial for addressing healthcare access issues, particularly in the underserved and rural areas of Nebraska. NPs are essential to these rural communities as they help to fill the gaps in provider shortage areas, reduce the patient travel and wait times, provide cost-effective care, minimize treatment delays, and enhance patient volume by enabling quicker diagnostics and treatments.

As one of the NPs with countless hours of training by our top-tier surgeons who provide comprehensive healthcare through our satellite Surgical Specialty Clinic within our Critical Access Hospital in rural Nebraska, I am committed to providing high-quality, patient-centered care closer to home. However, there are instances where the current restrictions to utilize fluoroscopy in my specialty practice hinders my ability to fully utilize my training and expertise. Not only does this impact the efficiency and timeliness of care delivery but may also affect patient satisfaction and outcomes. Addressing this challenge is crucial to ensuring that patients receive the most effective and comprehensive care possible.

The proposed education and practice hours will ensure that NPs are well-prepared to use fluoroscopy safely. This change will enhance our ability to meet evolving healthcare needs and improve patient outcomes. With Nebraska facing healthcare provider shortages, allowing NPs to use fluoroscopy would increase the healthcare access points across the state. It's disheartening when I can't fully use my training and expertise to adequately provide care in times of need because of the limitations with fluoroscopy. I am the replacement to a retired PA in an orthopedic practice and I am expected to be prepared to perform in the same capacity.

I urge you to support this proposal, which will positively impact healthcare delivery in our state, more specifically the underserved and rural areas where NPs are highly relied upon to provide high-quality, patient-centered care.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Hansen".

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