



To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is sent on behalf of the Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA) as a statement of support for the 407 process to change the Nebraska regulations to allow nurse practitioners fluoroscopy privileges after appropriate education and training. Multiple medical specialties throughout Nebraska require the use of fluoroscopy as a necessary tool to meet the standard of quality patient care. Current regulations in Nebraska preclude nurse practitioners from receiving formal education in the use of fluoroscopy and prohibit them from using this essential tool.

This practice limitation results in several issues including but not limited to:

- Unnecessary work arounds for nurse practitioners, colleagues, and hospitals.
- Workforce shortages in specialties where nurse practitioners could be employed.
- Restricted access to healthcare for patients and increasing healthcare expenses, especially in our rural communities.
- Loss of expertise from nurse practitioners who have trained and performed fluoroscopy in other states but are unable to practice this in Nebraska.

Several of our bordering states have already recognized these issues and made the necessary legislative changes. Please support a change to the Nebraska regulations to allow nurse practitioners fluoroscopy privileges after appropriate education and training.

The Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA) is the overarching organization for the 30,000 registered nurses in Nebraska. All nurses are bound by our Code of Ethics and our professional duty to our patients. For these reasons, the NNA wishes to express their support for the 407 process to support the use of fluoroscopy for Nurse Practitioners in Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration on the matter.

Respectfully,

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