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3 Title: Adopting Standard Language for Discussions Regarding Scope of Practice
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12 House Action: **APPROVED**
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15 Whereas, nurse practitioners (NPs) continue to pursue legislation aimed at granting "full
16 practice authority" (FPA), which the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) defines as
17 "the authorization of nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients; diagnose, order and interpret
18 diagnostic tests; and initiate and manage treatments - including prescribe medications - under the
19 exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing," with the goal that "NP licensure is not
20 contingent on unnecessary contracts or relationships with a physician or oversight by the state
21 medical board," and
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23 Whereas, physician assistants (PAs) continue to pursue legislation aimed at granting
24 "optimal team practice" (OTP), which the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) defines
25 as "eliminate the legal requirement for a specific relationship between a PA, physician or any other
26 healthcare provider in order for a PA to practice to the full extent of their education, training and
27 experience," and
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29 Whereas, the legislative goals of FPA and OTP aim to the obtain independence by removing
30 physician supervision, collaboration and oversight, and
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32 Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services define the term non-physician
33 practitioners (NPPs) as "health care providers who practice either in collaboration with or under the
34 supervision of a physician, including physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse
35 specialists, are referred to as non-physician practitioners (NPPs)," and
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37 Whereas, the terms "residency," "resident," "fellowship," and "fellow" refer to physician
38 training programs and are clearly defined by the ACGME, these terms are increasingly being used
39 by NPP training programs to describe training of much shorter intervals and much less vigor than
40 that of physicians, leading to confusion regarding the degree of training of individual healthcare
41 practitioners; therefore be it
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43 RESOLVED: That MSMS use the terms "unsupervised practice of medicine" in place of
44 "independent practice of medicine" when referring to the activities of nurse practitioners, certified
45 registered nurse anesthetists, and physician assistants; "non-physician practitioner" (NPP) to
46 describe physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists; and "residency,"
47 "resident," "fellowship," and "fellow" in discussions regarding physicians only.
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Relevant MSMS Policy: None

Relevant AMA Policy: None

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