

Dear Michigan legislators:

Please join the ***Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners*** in recognizing the contributions NPs make to the health of all who live and work in Michigan during **National Nurse Practitioner Week: November 11-17, 2018.**

As leaders in healthcare, the 7,500 nurse practitioners (NPs) in Michigan are highly qualified to participate in the planning and implementation of healthcare reform programs and are a vital part of the prescription for increasing access to high-quality healthcare. NPs have been providing healthcare in a variety of settings in Michigan for more than 40 years. They are graduates of master's and/or doctoral programs and are providing primary, acute, and chronic care to patients of all ages and walks of life.

An extensive body of research has established that NPs provide high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, personalized patient-centered healthcare with excellent outcomes. In addition to identifying and managing acute episodic and chronic illness, NPs place a strong emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention. They are skilled advanced practice registered nurses who include teaching and counseling to individuals, families and communities as a major part of their practice. NPs are uniquely qualified to address health promotion, disease prevention and education on patient self-management.

NPs practice autonomously and collaborate with all healthcare professionals and others to assess, treat, and manage the patient's health problems and needs. They serve as healthcare researchers, interdisciplinary consultants and patient advocates. We are hopeful to see legislation passed in Michigan and join with 22 other states (plus D.C.) that give NPs the legal authority to practice to the full extent of their education, experience and national board certification.

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Thank you,

**Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners**

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