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I support the proposed revisions that would expand the scope of practice for CRNP's within our state. These revisions would promote greater access to care and decrease health care costs. This is possible through greater physician to NP ratio, thus promoting improved access, including, but not limited to, the underserved population and those residing in rural areas.

Decreased health care costs would be possible by providing care in both diagnosis and treatment, as well as prevention of chronic conditions. Expanding prescriptive authority would help defray costs by reducing the numbers of copays the customer would incur as well as total costs of various medications.

Quality of care would also be maintained as documented by numerous evidence based research data supporting health care delivery by nurse practitioners.

I encourage support of these revisions for the benefit of all consumers of health care within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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