

# **CALL TO ACTION: Ask Representatives to Vote NO on Independent Practice for APRNs**



**BACKGROUND:** HB 1303 in the Mississippi House of Representatives seeks to give independent practice to APRNs who have only 3,600 hours of past collaboration with a physician.

## **TALKING POINTS:**

- Primary care physicians and APRNs do NOT share the same levels of expertise, training or knowledge.
- Health professionals' training has a direct impact on the depth and quality of patient care.
- The difference in overall training is almost 18,000 hours more for Family Physicians than for APRNs.
- This is a public health/public safety concern.

## **MESSAGE: Vote NO to stop all INDEPENDENT PRACTICE bills.**

- Support a physician-led team approach
- Continue to support the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program that puts doctors in rural areas to treat and serve.
- All health care providers are part of the SOLUTION, but are NOT a substitute for physicians.

Please call your Representative directly ([each representative's phone number is listed here](#)) or call the Capitol Switchboard (601-359-3770) to leave a message for your representative.

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