



Texas Faces a Severe Healthcare Access Crisis

NPs are an essential part of the solution.
Support increased access to care for all Texans.

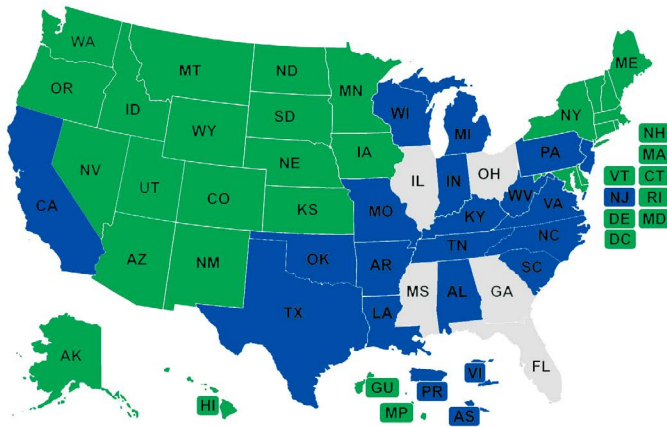
Patients have more full and direct access to NPs in other states

27 states grant NPs full practice authority,

19 states waived delegation during COVID.

States with full practice authority

States that waived delegation during COVID



NPs serve all Texans.

NPs are more likely to serve in rural and underserved areas.

- NPs increased by 43% in rural areas.¹
- NPs now represent 1 in 4 rural providers.¹

In Texas, NPs are more likely to see Medicaid, Medicare, and uninsured patients.

- 74% of NPs accept Medicare.²
- 59.6% accept Medicaid/CHIP.²
- 66.4% see uninsured patients.²

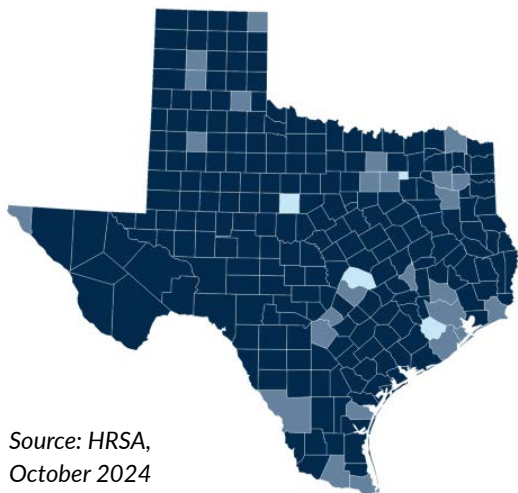
Support efforts to keep Texas NPs practicing in Texas:

- Texas invests millions in education just for nurses to take those skills to other states, such as New Mexico or Florida, that give full practice authority to NPs.
- In a survey of Texas NP programs, the lack of full practice authority was the number one reason NP graduates planned to work in states other than Texas.³

76% of NP graduates specialize in primary care **vs.** **12.8%** of MDs/DOs matching to primary care residencies

Source: Health Affairs, 2023; American Academy of Family Physicians, 2024.

88% of Texas counties need more primary care providers.



224 of Texas's 254 counties are primary care shortage areas, nearly double what it was in 2019.

Rural Health Information, Hub, HRSA, 2024

- Whole county is shortage area
- Part of county is shortage area
- None of county is shortage area

Source: HRSA, October 2024

Allow NPs to deliver the quality care they were educated and trained to provide:

- Lift unnecessary restrictions and modernize NP licensing laws.
- Eliminate needless administrative and financial burdens.

¹ Journal of Health Affairs, 2016: Rural And Nonrural Primary Care Physician Practices Increasingly Rely On Nurse Practitioners

² TNP Member Survey, 2024

³ DSHS, Nursing Education Program Information Survey, 2023