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You will make a difference!**

Oklahoma faces a healthcare crisis. Our state ranks 49th in physician-to-patient ratio, a fact that wouldn't surprise anyone who has waited two weeks for a doctor's appointment or who drives an hour or more for primary care.

Oklahomans deserve greater access to affordable, quality healthcare services. The Right 2 Choose legislature can make one simple, common-sense change to increase healthcare access for all Oklahomans. The legislature can allow nurse practitioners to put their full education to use caring for Oklahomans.

Nurse practitioners have a master's degree or doctorate and can provide physical examinations, diagnose and treat acute and chronic problems, interpret laboratory results, prescribe and manage medications and more.

In Oklahoma, outdated regulations require nurse practitioners to sign a "collaborative agreement" with a physician, even though little or no collaboration actually occurs. Some NPs pay thousands of dollars a month for these agreements, and that's money that could be used to hire staff or expand services.

Twenty-six other states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have already done away with these antiquated requirements. It's time our state did as well, so our residents can enjoy the access to quality health care they deserve.

**A nurse practitioners' right to practice means your right to choose the health care provider that's right for you and your family!**

