Keep the Team

Letting Non-Physicians Practice Medicine is NOT a Solution to Access!

The LAFP believes strongly that APRN's play a vital role in the physician-led health care team in Louisiana. ***SB 187*** *would significantly compromise patient safety and care by further fracturing the healthcare professions and undermining physician-led medicine.*

You Have Heard the MYTHS....

HEAR the FACTS

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Current law <u>does not</u> prohibit APRNs from working in rural or underserved areas and SB187 does notguarantee they will work in those areas

To address inadequate access to primary care in parts of the state, we should focus on <u>increasing graduate medical education programs and initiatives to draw physicians into our rural communities.</u>

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Nurse Practitioners have a limited scope of practice causing more referrals, more testing, delayed care, and fragmented treatment plans.

3

Federal law requires that APRN's have a collaborative agreement with a physician or other health care provider (CMS, 2005) to:

- <u>Receive Medicare reimbursement for services provided</u>
- <u>In the care of hospitalized patients as the result of federal hospital regulations requiring that every patient be under the care of a physician</u> (Buppert, 2002; CMS, 2005).

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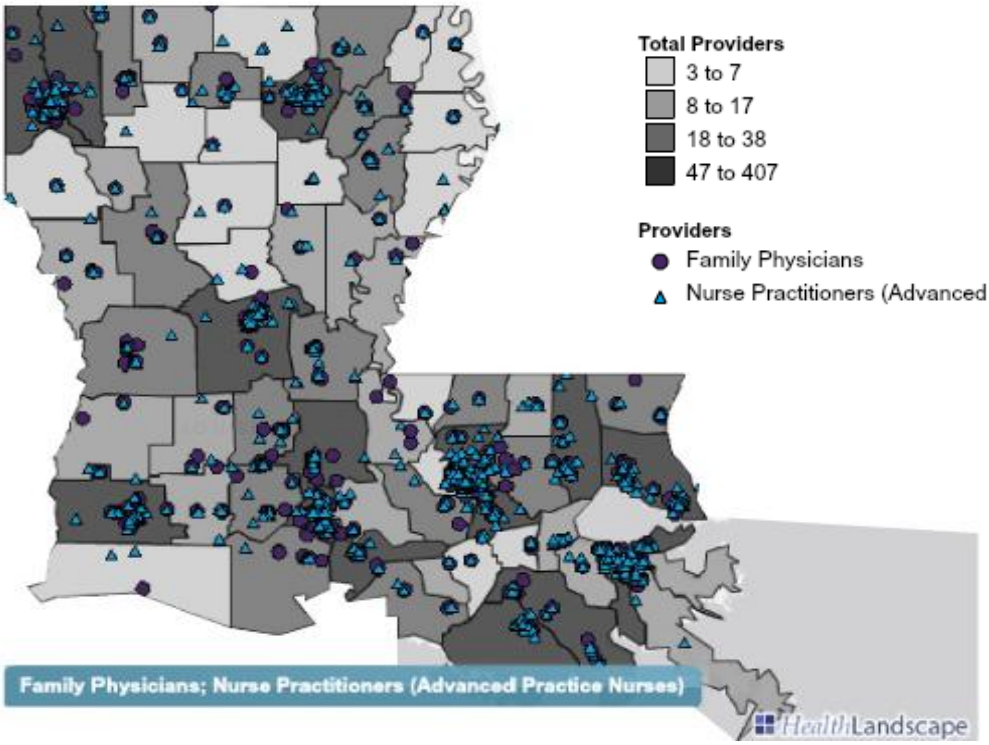
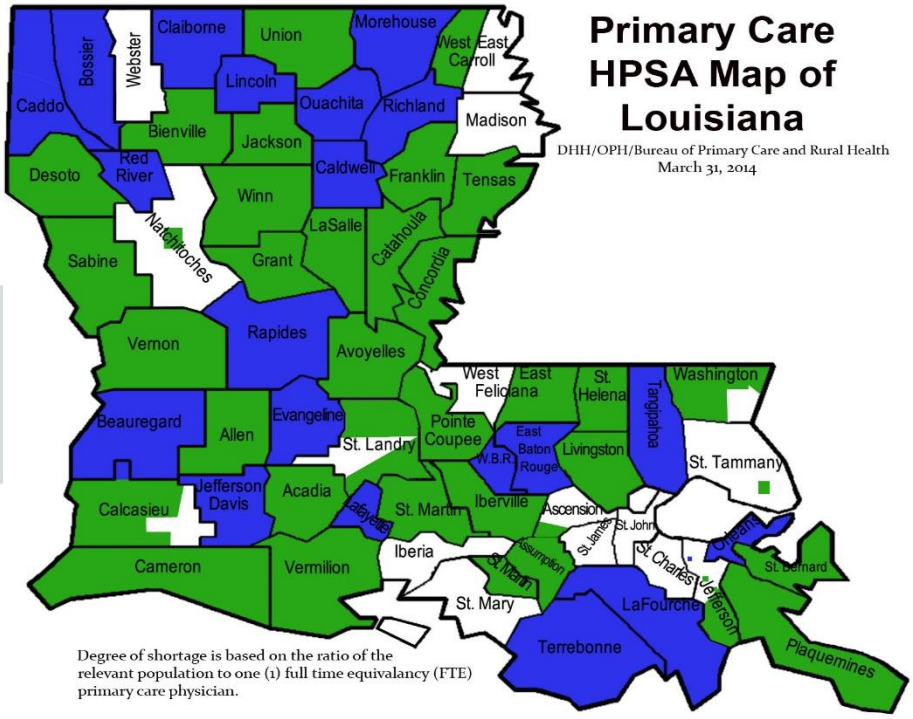
Doctors and nurses need to work in a collaborative manner to ensure patients get the care they need. A physician's years of medical education and training are vital to the health care team and optimal patient care, especially in the event of a complication or medical emergency.

We believe short-term solutions will harbor long-term consequences. Patient safety should always remain our primary concern.

Geographic Location of Family Physicians and APRNs in Louisiana





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