AB 364 - Improving Nevada Healthcare Access

Updates Physician Assistant Supervision & Leverages Team Practice with Physicians

CURRENT NEVADA CHALLENGES

Nevada is ranked **50th**

in the United States for Healthcare Access

67.3%

of the state's population lives in a primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

94.5%

of the state's population live in a mental health HPSA

With worsening shortage of physicians, experienced NV PAs are experiencing shortages of physicians performing extra supervisory duties on top of their patient care.

AB 364 Opportunities



Removes unnecessary barriers to Physician Assistant (PA) practice, availability of allowing experienced PAs to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and experience.



Expands access to care – Nevada PAs practice largely in specialties that have the greatest need for providers. Over 32% of PAs practice in primary care.



Empowers the healthcare team to function in a manner that reflects the current healthcare environment and allows the determination to be made at the practice level of what makes the most sense for providers, practices, and patients.



Regional neighboring states Arizona, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming have passed similar PA legislation to improve healthcare access with no negative impacts.



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