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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 431, article 10A, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§431:10A-     Primary care provider; advanced practice  
5 registered nurse. (a) Each policy of accident and health or  
6 sickness insurance delivered or issued for delivery in this  
7 State shall recognize advanced practice registered nurses as  
8 defined under section 457-8.5 as participating providers and  
9 shall include coverage for care provided by participating  
10 advanced practice registered nurses practicing within the scope  
11 of their licenses for purposes of health maintenance, diagnosis  
12 or treatment to the extent that the policy provides benefits for  
13 identical services rendered by another health care provider.

14           (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an  
15 insurer shall provide its insured with an opportunity to select  
16 a participating advanced practice registered nurse as a primary  
17 care provider, if the insured's policy requires the selection of

1 a primary care provider, and shall include participating  
2 advanced practice registered nurses on any publicly available  
3 list of participating primary care providers."

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, article 1, Hawaii Revised  
5 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately  
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 **"§432:1- Primary care provider; advanced practice**  
8 **registered nurse.** (a) Each policy of insurance delivered or  
9 issued for delivery in this State by a mutual benefit society  
10 shall recognize advanced practice registered nurses as defined  
11 under section 457-8.5 as participating providers and shall  
12 include coverage for care provided by participating advanced  
13 practice registered nurses practicing within the scope of their  
14 licenses for purposes of health maintenance, diagnosis or  
15 treatment to the extent that the policy provides benefits for  
16 identical services rendered by another health care provider.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, mutual  
18 benefit societies shall provide their members with an  
19 opportunity to select a participating advanced practice  
20 registered nurse as a primary care provider, if the member's  
21 policy requires the selection of a primary care provider, and  
22 shall include participating advanced practice registered nurses

1 on any publicly available list of participating primary care  
2 providers."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 432, article 2, Hawaii Revised  
4 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately  
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 **"§432:2- Primary care provider; advanced practice**  
7 **registered nurse.** (a) Each policy of insurance delivered or  
8 issued for delivery in this State by a fraternal benefit society  
9 shall recognize advanced practice registered nurses as defined  
10 under section 457-8.5 as participating providers and shall  
11 include coverage for care provided by participating advanced  
12 practice registered nurses practicing within the scope of their  
13 licenses for purposes of health maintenance, diagnosis or  
14 treatment to the extent that the policy provides benefits for  
15 identical services rendered by another health care provider.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
17 fraternal benefit societies shall provide their members with an  
18 opportunity to select a participating advanced practice  
19 registered nurse as a primary care provider, if the member's  
20 policy requires the selection of a primary care provider, and  
21 shall include participating advanced practice registered nurses

1 on any publicly available list of participating primary care  
2 providers."

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 432D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 **"§432D- Primary care provider; advanced practice**  
7 **registered nurse.** (a) Each policy of insurance delivered or  
8 issued for delivery in this State by a health maintenance  
9 organization shall recognize advanced practice registered nurses  
10 as defined under section 457-8.5 as participating providers and  
11 shall include coverage for care provided by participating  
12 advanced practice registered nurses practicing within the scope  
13 of their licenses for purposes of health maintenance, diagnosis  
14 or treatment to the extent that the policy provides benefits for  
15 identical services rendered by another health care provider.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, health  
17 maintenance organizations shall provide their members with an  
18 opportunity to select a participating advanced practice  
19 registered nurse as a primary care provider, if the member's  
20 policy requires the selection of a primary care provider, and  
21 shall include participating advanced practice registered nurses

1 on any publicly available list of participating primary care  
2 providers."

3 SECTION 5. Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§457- Global signature authority. Notwithstanding any  
7 law to the contrary, advanced practice registered nurses shall  
8 be authorized to sign, certify, or endorse all documents  
9 relating to health care for their patients, including but not  
10 limited to workers' compensation verification documents,  
11 verification and evaluation forms of the department of human  
12 services, verification and evaluation forms of the department of  
13 education, verification and authorization forms from the  
14 department of health, and physical examination forms; provided  
15 that nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the  
16 scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses."

17 SECTION 6. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending the definition of "advanced practice  
19 registered nurse" to read as follows:

20 "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a registered  
21 nurse who has met the qualifications for advanced practice  
22 registered nurse set forth in this chapter and through rules of

1 the board, which shall include ~~[educational requirements.]~~ the  
2 following:

3 (1) Has completed an accredited graduate-level education  
4 program leading to a degree or certification as a  
5 certified registered nurse anesthetist, a certified  
6 nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a  
7 certified nurse practitioner; or has passed a national  
8 certification examination that measures role and  
9 population-focused competencies;

10 (2) Maintains continued competencies through  
11 recertification in role and population competencies  
12 through the national certification program;

13 (3) Has acquired advanced clinical knowledge and skills  
14 preparing the nurse to provide direct care to patients  
15 through a significant educational and practical  
16 concentration on the direct care of patients;

17 (4) Demonstrates a greater breadth of knowledge, a greater  
18 synthesis of data, greater complexity of skills and  
19 interventions, and greater role autonomy than  
20 demonstrated by a registered nurse;

21 (5) Has been educationally prepared to assume  
22 responsibility and accountability for health promotion

1           and maintenance and to assess, diagnose, and manage  
2           patient problems through the use and prescription of  
3           pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions; and  
4           (6) Has clinical experience of sufficient depth and  
5           breadth to reflect the intended license."

6           SECTION 7. Section 457-8.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "**§457-8.6 Prescriptive authority for advanced practice**  
9 **registered nurses.** (a) The board shall grant prescriptive  
10 authority to qualified and currently recognized advanced  
11 practice registered nurses and shall designate the requirements  
12 for advanced nursing practice related to prescriptive authority.  
13 ~~[The Hawaii medical board shall submit an annual report of all~~  
14 ~~amendments made to the formularies to the board.~~

15           ~~(b) The department of commerce and consumer affairs shall~~  
16 ~~establish a joint formulary advisory committee composed of:~~

17           ~~(1) Two persons licensed as advanced practice registered~~  
18           ~~nurses and appointed by the board;~~

19           ~~(2) Two persons licensed in medicine by the Hawaii medical~~  
20           ~~board and appointed by the Hawaii medical board;~~

21           ~~(3) Three persons licensed as pharmacists and appointed by~~  
22           ~~the board of pharmacy;~~

1       ~~(4) One representative of the John A. Burns school of~~  
2           ~~medicine appointed by the dean of the University of~~  
3           ~~Hawaii school of medicine; and~~

4       ~~(5) One representative from a school of nursing with an~~  
5           ~~advanced practice registered nurse program.~~

6       ~~The joint formulary advisory committee shall recommend the~~  
7       ~~applicable formulary for persons recognized under this section.~~  
8       ~~The Hawaii medical board shall consider the recommendations of~~  
9       ~~the joint formulary advisory committee in adopting the~~  
10       ~~formulary. The appropriate working relationship with licensed~~  
11       ~~physicians shall be reflected in rules adopted by the board in~~  
12       ~~accordance with chapter 91.]~~

13           The board shall establish nursing requirements for  
14       education, experience, and national certification pursuant to  
15       rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91.

16           (b) Qualified or currently recognized advanced practice  
17       registered nurses shall be authorized to diagnose, prescribe,  
18       and institute therapy or referrals of patients, within their  
19       practice specialty, to health care agencies, health care  
20       providers, and community resources and may:

21           (1) Prescribe, procure, administer, and dispense over the  
22           counter, legend, and controlled substances;



- 1        (2) Prescribe, order, and dispense medical devices and  
2        equipment; and
- 3        (3) Plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes  
4        nutritional, diagnostic, and supportive services  
5        including home health care, hospice, and physical and  
6        occupational therapy."

7        SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9        SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

**Report Title:**

Health Care; Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; Primary Care Provider; Prescriptive Authority

**Description:**

Requires insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers. Grants global signature authority and prescriptive rights. Amends definition of advanced practice registered nurse. (SD1)