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OAAPN Commends Trump Administration's Recent Recommendations on Choice and Competition in America's Health Care System

December 10, 2018 (Columbus, OH) - Today, the Ohio Association of Advance Practice Nurses (OAAPN) issued the following statement regarding the Administration's recent release of a report entitled: [*Reforming America's Healthcare System through Choice and Competition*](#). The report was prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in cooperation with the Departments of Treasury and Labor, and the Federal Trade Commission describes the extent to which state and federal laws, regulations, guidance, and policies discourage choice and competition in health care markets, among other key findings. According to the report, states should consider changes to outdated statutes to allow all healthcare providers to practice to the top of their license thereby utilizing their full skill set.

"OAAPN commends the Administration for its commitment to ensuring that unnecessary barriers to practice do not limit access to high-quality health care. We agree that outdated laws should be removed and that all healthcare providers should practice to the top of their license, education, and training," said Joscelyn Greaves, APRN-CNP, President of OAAPN. "We look forward to working with the Administration, Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly to ensure patients have access to health care delivered by their provider of choice."

The report also concludes that economic analysis indicates that allowing APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and experience, would have clear consumer benefits, particularly in rural and poorer areas."

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The Ohio Association of Advance Practice Nurses (OAAPN) is Ohio's largest professional membership organization for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) including certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. It represents the interests of more than 16,000 licensed APRNs in Ohio, advancing health policy while promoting excellence in education and practice. For more information about Ohio's APRNs, visit OAAPN.org