

## **LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR CITY OF COLUMBUS FROM**

### **UAPRN OF WEST GA (COLUMBUS CHAPTER)**

#### **REMOVAL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) PRACTICE BARRIER TO REQUEST A SEPERATE LICENSE NUMBER**

The UAPRN of West Georgia Columbus chapter is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly to support Legislation to authorize you APRN'S to practice with an individual license number separate from the RN license number.

1. APRN's are issued an authorization to practice under our RN's license and not a license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner.
2. APRN's license will bring into parity with physician assistants who already receive a license to practice in Georgia
3. Georgia is one out of 11 states without a separate APRN license
4. APRN's individual license will help us to identify who we are with entities such as insurance companies and reimbursement and promote ,

#### **REMOVAL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) PRACTICE BARRIER TO SIGN THE DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS**

The UAPRN of West Georgia Columbus chapter is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly to support Legislation to authorize you APRN'S to sign handicap/disability forms.

1. APRN's are currently able to complete physical exams, assess, diagnose and write prescriptions for conditions that warrant a disability/handicap permit within their scope of practice
2. APRN's will be added to the list of Department of Revenue's approved list to order disability permit

#### **EXPLANATIONS & FACTS**

-Approval of these legislative items will affect patient care by removing a delay in treatment, increasing access of patients care, improving outcomes and decreasing cost, which are outlined in the Georgia Healthcare Workforce Commission authorized by Gov Kemp. NP's are included in the Workforce Commission as we are a apart of the mainstay in urban and medically underserved counties in Georgia. We can reduce the cost of healthcare, reduce the morbidity and mortality for many Georgians.

-There are approximately 13,000 APRN/Nurse Practitioners in the state of Georgia. We undergo a rigorous 6-10 year education background with both didactic and clinical hours and we have to pass RN and Nurse Practitioners Boards for certifications. The NP certification is renewed every 5 years with required clinical hours and continuing & pharmacy educational hours.