

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

HEALTH CARE. To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to verify and provide public access to collaborative practice agreements.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to verify and provide public access to collaborative practice agreements between nurse practitioners, physicians, and dentists, and to continue striving for ways to promote better health outcomes for Louisiana residents through their respective healthcare fields.

WHEREAS, collaborative practice is the joint management of the health care of patients by two or more licensed healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative practice agreement is the formal written statement addressing the parameters of the collaborative practice which are mutually agreed upon by the collaborating healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law generally requires an advanced practice registered nurse to enter into a collaborative practice with one or more consulting physicians or dentists; and

WHEREAS, an important aspect of patient-centered care is allowing the patient to participate in making decisions about their own care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, transparency is essential in promoting patient-centric healthcare decisions; and

WHEREAS, transparency requires that patients have the opportunity to become fully

1 informed regarding the members of their healthcare team and their respective roles and  
2 functions; and

3 WHEREAS, transparency in health care promotes better quality and consistency of  
4 care at multiple levels in the healthcare system; and

5 WHEREAS, transparency can also greatly improve the trust and overall relationships  
6 patients have with providers and ultimately promote better outcomes and satisfaction; and

7 WHEREAS, efficient delivery of health care is necessary for the health, safety, and  
8 welfare of all residents of the state of Louisiana, yet many Louisiana residents have limited  
9 access to needed health care or have limited healthcare choices; and

10 WHEREAS, state healthcare professional licensing boards play a crucial role in  
11 promoting patient safety and are in a unique position to promote best practices for increasing  
12 access to healthcare and improving patient outcomes.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana  
15 State Board of Dentistry, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to verify and provide  
16 public access to collaborative practice agreements between nurse practitioners, physicians,  
17 and dentists, and to continue striving for ways to promote better health outcomes for  
18 Louisiana residents through their respective healthcare fields.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
20 hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana  
21 State Board of Dentistry, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to coordinate with each  
22 other and share copies of executed collaborative practice agreements to facilitate  
23 verification.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
25 hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana  
26 State Board of Dentistry, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to make information  
27 regarding the collaborative practice agreements publically accessible to patients, including  
28 but not limited to the name of the participating providers, their license numbers, the  
29 participating advance practice registered nurse's role and population focus, and any specialty  
30 practice areas of a participating physician or dentist.

