

HB 1996 -- Collaborative Practice Arrangements

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This bill changes the laws regarding collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses. The bill:

- (1) Repeals the provision requiring the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse to maintain geographic proximity;
- (2) Increases, from every 14 to every 30, the number of days that the advanced practice registered nurse must submit at least 10% of the charts documenting the nurse's delivery of health care to the collaborating physician for review and 20% of the charts in which the nurse prescribes controlled substances and authorizes the collaborating physician to delegate authority to an alternate physician to review those records;
- (3) Allows a physician to enter into a collaborative practice arrangement with up to five advanced practice registered nurses. Currently, a physician can enter into an arrangement with up to three nurses; and
- (4) Allows an advanced practice registered nurse with at least four years of continual practice to practice without the collaborating physician being physically present. Currently, every advanced practice registered nurse must practice for at least one month with the collaborating physician continuously present.