

Situation: There is a paucity of legislation that supports payment models and inter-professional workforce training for registered nurses (RNs) employed in primary care. RNs are essential for meeting the demand for integrated, value-based care and top-of-license RN competencies.

Background: Gaps exist between patient demand for primary care and provider availability, despite utilization of nurse practitioners (NPs).

Assessment: RNs can augment NPs for care coordination of complex, chronic disease and behaviors, which promote population health.

Recommendation: Nurse Leaders must collaborate on curriculum development and influence state and federal policymakers regarding RN reimbursement, utilizing the Triple Aim framework.