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**TO: All ONP Members**

**FROM: Benny Vanatta, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT: HB 1275 Goes Into Effect November 1, 2011**

There has been much discussion about the title nurse practitioners will use when the legislation passed this last spring goes into effect (HB 1275). The good news is, it is much simpler than most are making of the new law. Nurse practitioner's licensure will change to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. There are no specifics on using a comma, dash, slash, or any other divider between APRN and CNP. You may use whatever you desire, but I think the dash looks the best. Also, you do not need to use any of the other designations you may possess, like BS, MS, or others. Specialty role title for ARNP will change to Certified Nurse Practitioner. Thus, your badge, card, or any other place you use your official title will look like this:

**Jane R. Doe-APRN-CNP**

You do NOT use the title RN. Your licensure used to be as an RN, but now licensure is as an APRN with a speciality role title of CNP. If you have an earned doctrate, it will look like this:

**Jane R. Doe-APRN-CNP  
DNP-University of Oklahoma**

The designation for your doctrate does a couple of things. One, since APRN is on the first line it denotes that you are not any other type of doctor, and the school from which the doctrate is given will give anyone the ability to note that your designation is as a DNP, and your doctrate is from that school. Obviously, if you are not a CNP, but one of the other advance practice nurses your –speciality role title did not change, and you will use that as part of your title; CRNA, CNM, etc. (ex. APRN-CNM).

In addition, if you are an individual practitioner, please note that you must have your title in the name of your business. For example; Jane R. Doe,



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**APRN-CNP, wants to open her own practice, and has a supervising doctor, and is all set to open her practice. The name of her business must state that she is a nurse practitioner. The name of the business could say, Jane R. Doe, APRN-CNP Family Practice, or Doe APRN-CNP Clinic, or Edmond Certified Nurse Practitioner Clinic, or a million other business names that will tell the potential patient who you are. This is required because we are not one of the nine classes listed to use the term “doctor”. That requirement is not in our act, but is part of the Healing Arts Act. That portion of the Healing Arts Act states as follows:**

**Title 59-752.2, a and b state:**

**Any advertisement for health care services naming a provider shall:**

**Utilize, appropriate, accepted, and easily understood words or letters, which clearly show and indicate the branch of the healing art in which the person is licensed to practice and is engaged in, if the person is not on the nine classes of person listed in subsection A of this section, or referred to in subsection B and C of this section.**

**From reading that section one can tell there is no set method. Practitioners need to use good judgment, and be aware the public must be able to tell what type of license the practitioner is practicing under. The fines for violation are \$25-\$1000 per day, and are determined by the board or agency responsible for the practitioner’s actions. That is the Board of Nursing, and I look for them to be very strict in this regard.**

**I hope this answers your questions about the effect of HB 1275. In addition, the portion on advertising is very important, and will become more so, as time progresses. If you have any other questions, please let me know @ [info@npofoklahoma.com](mailto:info@npofoklahoma.com). If I do not know the answer Kim Glazer, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing will. She has always been available to all of us, and is so very helpful to me.**