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## **APN Direct Practice Legislation One Step Closer to Becoming Law:**

*Help us Stop it in its Tracks!*

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As New Jersey's 2022-2023 legislative session continues, so does the threat that the APN direct practice legislation (S-1522/A-2286) poses to dismantle physician-led, team-based care in our state. The bill makes drastic changes to current practice by authorizing CRNAs to administer anesthesia without physician supervision, permitting CRNAs to supervise other CRNAs, and creating a new form of licensure called an APN-Anesthesia.

*At the end of December, the legislation moved out of the Senate Health Committee and now has the potential to be voted out of the full Senate before the summer recess. The next few months are critical in our fight to preserve team-based care, protect our patients, and educate lawmakers.*

Our society's tireless work through the NJSSA-specific NJ Doctors for Patient Safety Campaign and the broader Access to Care Coalition Campaign has made our concerns widely known by legislative leadership. It has significantly slowed the momentum behind this bill.

We have been preparing for this moment since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, foreshadowing an effort to utilize it as a vehicle for APN direct practice. With the federal government ending the COVID-19 public health emergency in May and NJ potentially following suit and ending the Executive Order rescinding the scope of practice requirements, we can anticipate additional urgency from nursing advocates to move this legislation through the process.

*We have just as much urgency to halt this legislation in its' tracks, and we*

*need your help to complete our mission. Please consider contributing to the NJ Anesthesia PAC and elevate YOUR voice in Trenton.*

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