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To: [HHC Exhibits](#)
Subject: HB4081 - Removes requirement that physician assistant practice under supervising physician.
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Dear Representative Salinas, Chairperson, House Health Care Committee
Dear Representatives Hayden, Nosse, Alonso Leon, Drazan, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Moore-Green, Noble, Prusak, Schouten

For several decades, beginning in the 1970s, I was the equivalent of a practice manager for a large organization. I witnessed the challenges and obstacles nurse practitioners, optometrists, podiatrists, and psychologists faced from their physician counterparts in obtaining independence and/or expanded privileges. I can say without reservation that our health care system became much stronger when these individuals are/were granted independent practice and expanded privileges. The public is protected when ALL professions (DOs, MDs, PAs, NPs, PsyD, DPM, OD) are monitored by their respective boards.

BRIEF ASIDE: I remain disheartened that psychologists were not been granted expanded privileges in 2017. The legislature did its job but the Governor vetoed HB 3355.

I can say with a strong belief that granting independence of physician assistants (PAs) is consistent with both the tradition, history, and advances of our health care delivery systems. HB-4081 will also remove the time requirement for "supervision" of PA by the physician and allow both professions more time for their own patients. In the collaborative model of health care, the transfer of patients to and from and consultation among the professions should remain the expectation.

I strongly support the approval of HB-4081.

Sincerely,

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