

Health Care Reform Sample Letter

The Honorable Senator _____
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator _____

I am writing to ask for your help in seeing to it that nurse practitioners are recognized and included as primary care providers and leaders in medical home and transitional care models that may be adopted in conjunction with the development of Health Care Reform legislation in the Senate.

As you know, the overwhelming majority of nurse practitioners are providers of primary care in our state. We have an excellent track record for giving high quality, cost effective care to our patients. Our practices meet the NCQA and MedPAC standard of care that is whole person oriented, coordinated, integrated, high quality, safe, and accessible. Because of this, nurse practitioners need to be included in all care models developed and/or funded by the federal government.

We ask that you not forget that we are out here, ready to help meet the growing primary care needs in this country. However, we are unable to do so if we are not included in legislation that will drive the reform process in the coming months. This means including us in the definition of primary care providers in reimbursement packages, pilots, demonstrations and stimulus packages that may evolve from the efforts of Congress to reform our health care system.

Thank you for your help with these issues. Nurse practitioners are willing to be a part of the solution to the health care crisis, but we need to be included in the legislation in order to do so. If you should have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at (*your information*) or Dr. Jan Towers at the, Office of Health Policy, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Washington D.C. (202-966-6414)

Sincerely,

***Brackets and italics suggest where you can add your own information.**

We encourage you to email or fax your message since regular mail passes through lengthy security inspections and treatments.

Please cc copies of your correspondence to Dr. Jan Towers, Office of Health Policy, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Box 40130, Washington D.C. 20016