

CPR Comment on National Public Radio/Kaiser Health News Report

“Doctor Shortage Fuels Nurses' Push For Expanded Role”

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With an aging population, a shortage of health care providers, spiraling costs, and more than 45 million uninsured Americans, access to quality health care has never been more important. To address these realities and meet the needs of a growing patient population, it is imperative that we allow access to a broad spectrum of competent health care professionals that suit the individual health care and wellness needs of the patient.

The Coalition for Patients' Rights™ represents more than three million licensed health care professionals, who are not doctors of medicine (MDs) or osteopathy (DOs), and who are well-prepared to provide high-quality care. This includes psychologists, audiologists and chiropractors, among others. As Irene Cavall's patients (and others across the country) can attest, without the contributions of these professionals, many patients would lack essential services.

AMA's efforts to limit the ability of these professionals to serve patients are counterproductive.

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