



## Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners

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Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners (LANP) endorses the effort to provide quality patient care through electronic prescribing measures with an emphasis on pre authorization methods. This process will provide a more streamlined approach, saving valuable time and providing more efficiency. Securing the privacy of patients and their health records along with a more proficient means of obtaining authorization for medications is paramount. It is agreed that advertising through any electronic prescribing system be prohibited. While authorization through payers is necessary, the focus on the patient– prescriber relationship and decision making process should be preserved. Each patient must be considered unique in their healthcare needs. Each provider must be valued for the patient rapport and historical health care knowledge of each patient. This will ensure quality healthcare prescriptive medication authorization.

LANP requests that all documents presented to the legislature contain prescriber neutral language to encompass and represent all healthcare providers with prescribing authority in the State of Louisiana. This will provide clarity and succinctness to any documents adopted and can prevent future discrepancies.

Membership on the Electronic Prescribing Committee is valued by the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners and we offer our assistance as these measures move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

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