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**TO:** Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2807** by Price (Relating to the participation of an advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for certain governmental and other health benefit plans.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would allow certain governmental and other health benefit plans to include advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), including an APRN certified as psychiatric/mental health APRN, as primary care or network providers regardless of whether the physician with whom the APRN has a prescriptive authority agreement is also included in the provider network. The bill would only apply to APRNs practicing in counties in which there are no practicing physicians and that the state or federal government has designated as either a medically underserved area or as containing a medically underserved population. The bill also allows insurers offering a preferred provider benefit plan to designate APRNs as preferred providers under the same circumstances.

The Texas Medical Board estimates that any cost associated with this change could be absorbed within agency resources. This analysis assumes that utilization costs for the Health and Human Services Commission that are due to the availability of additional primary care providers are assumed to be offset by the lower reimbursement rates for APRNs and avoidance of higher cost services.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 503 Texas Medical Board, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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