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Eric Lavoie
President, Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta

Via email to president@albertanps.com

Dear President Lavoie,

Re: AAMDC Support of Sustainable Funding Model for Nurse Practitioners in Alberta

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), I would like to notify you of the AAMDC's support of the position taken by the Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta (NPAA) calling for the development and implementation of a nurse practitioner funding model that better supports flexible and collaborative care among all types of health professionals, rather than one that relies on the presence of a doctor for health care access within a community. This model could take many forms, including nurse practitioners operating independent practices to improve access in communities with or without doctors, or a collaborative clinic in which doctors, nurse practitioners, and other health professionals work side by side.

As the representative of Alberta's rural municipalities, the AAMDC understands the challenges that many rural communities face in attracting and retaining qualified health professionals. There is no question that doctors play an integral role in supporting positive health outcomes, but the AAMDC understands that for many Albertans, nurse practitioners can provide a comparable level of service. Any policy shift that improves the quality of life in rural communities will be supported by the AAMDC.

We look forward to conveying the NPAA's position when the opportunity arises in our own advocacy efforts, and would be happy to discuss it with you further.

Sincerely,

Al Kemmere
President