



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT #308

## NP Scope of Practice bill, AB 890 (Wood), Passes Assembly Floor

**January 27, 2020:** You may recall AB 890 (Wood) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee last year. We are in the second year of a two-year session, so AB 890 was still eligible to be heard but needed to be out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee by January 24th and then out of the Assembly by January 31st.

The bill was heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee last Thursday and passed with a series of amendments. At end of this email I have outlined the amendments.

The bill was then heard on the Assembly Floor this afternoon and passed off the Floor by a vote of 60-1. The bill will now head to the Senate where it will be heard in the Senate Business and Professions Committee.

The amendments from the Assembly Appropriations Committee did the following:

- Changes the language to say that instead of allowing NPs to practice without physician supervision it now says the NP can practice without standardized procedures. This is confusing and unclear on what the impact will be.
- Requires an NP wanting to practice without standardized procedures in a clinic, hospital, or a medical group to not only be certified from a national certifying body but would now be required to also have the following:
  - 1) Passed national NP board certification exam

- 2) Completed a "transition of practice" with a minimum of three full-time equivalent years of practice or 4600 hours. The definition of transition of practice only requires "mentorship" which may not require the time to be under physician supervision.
- The language allowing an NP to "hang a shingle" and practice independently was changed to include:
    - 1) The NP has practiced for three years in good standing in addition to the transition to practice requirements of three full-time equivalent years of practice or 4600 hours.
    - 2) Eliminates the requirement for the NP to take an objective examination by the board and now says the board shall evaluate whether the objective examination is needed.
  - NP is required to inform all new patients they are not a physician.