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Governor Signs Representative Bliss's Bill to Increase Access to Medical Care for Communities Experiencing Severe Shortages

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Selina Bliss is pleased to announce the signing of [HB 2043](#), legislation she sponsored to increase access to healthcare in critical needs areas in Arizona by establishing a collaborative relationship between physicians and physician assistants (PAs) after the PA has completed 8,000 hours of clinical practice hours under a supervision agreement with a physician.

“The signing of HB 2043 is a step in the right direction for communities experiencing severe shortages to have better access to routine, preventive, and necessary medical care,” said Representative Bliss. **“The law addresses healthcare worker shortages by allowing PAs to perform appropriate and agreed upon medical services based on their education, training, and clinical experience. The advance practice nurses entered into collaborative agreements with physician providers two years ago, and I believe it was time that the PAs do so as well.”**

Representative Bliss's legislation, which received wide bipartisan support in the legislature, was patterned after other states that have established similar models and seen success. More detail on the provisions of HB 2043 is available [here](#).

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