Coalition for Patients Right’s Response to the American Medical Association (AMA) Resolution 214

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Today the Coalition for Patients’ Rights (CPR) issued a statement in response to the American Medical Association’s adoption of Resolution 214 calling for creation of a national strategy to oppose efforts to grant independent practice to non-physician practitioners and oppose legislative efforts at the state and national level “aimed at inappropriate scope of practice expansion of non-physician healthcare practitioners.”

The statement is as follows:

Our coalition is a collective voice for non-MD/DO (Doctor of Medicine/ Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) health care professionals who provide safe, high-quality, and cost-effective health care services to hundreds of millions of patients each year. As healthcare providers, we are concerned about the negative impact Resolution 214 may have on access to care and patient choice.

CPR believes patients want and should have access to a comprehensive choice of health care providers without undue restrictions. We advocate for all health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their education and training, certification and licensure, and do not support policies or legislation that limit a patients’ ability to choose their health care provider or their access to high-quality, cost-effective health care by qualified health care professionals.

Patients are best served by a united provider community that puts the patients’ interests first. As such, we urge the AMA to promote appropriate policies that share our varied talents in the health care field in order to ensure we can all meet the growing needs of the patient population.

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About CPR
The Coalition for Patients’ Rights (CPR) consists of more than 30 organizations representing a variety of non-physician licensed health care professionals who provide safe, high-quality and cost-effective health care services to millions of patients each year. These highly educated health care specialists complete years of education in their respective specialties, and have long been recognized at the federal and state levels as qualified and essential contributors to the U.S. health system.