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Q1 Issue Statement: [State the problem your recommendation will address. Insert links to reports where appropriate.]

Infrastructure: Workforce

States have the ability to determine the scope of treatment capacity for nurses. Nurse practitioners (NP's) are registered nurses who, in California, are required to hold a master's degree in nursing and complete advanced coursework. Full practice authority allows for NPs to evaluate and diagnose patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, manage treatments, and prescribe medications - all of which essentially is care equivalent to that provided by a physician. At present, 18 states allow NPs full practice authority. However, most states, including California, require NPs to work with physicians under a written practice agreement that restricts their activities.

The increase in the number of insured individuals, coupled with the dwindling number of primary care physicians, has left a fairly sizable gap in the number of capable medical professionals available to handle the sudden influx of individuals requiring care. Enabling full practice by NPs addresses this issue in the absence of any state or federal action to reverse the ever-expanding shortfall in primary care.

The Legislature examined this issue in 2013 with Senate Bill 491 (Hernandez), which sought to provide full practice authority for NPs under specified circumstances. Though it passed by the Senate, the legislation failed to pass out of the Assembly.

Q2 MPA Framework Goal #: [Check which goal/s this recommendation addresses. View MPA Framework document]

Goal 1: Services & Supports. We will live where we choose as we age and have the help we and our families need to do so.

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Goal 3: Health & Well-being. We will live in communities and have access to services and care that optimize health and quality of life.

Q3 MPA Framework Objective #: [Check which objective/s this recommendation addresses. View MPA Framework document]

Objective 1.1: Californians will have access to the help we need to live in the homes and communities we choose as we age.

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Objective 3.1: Californians will live in communities with policies and programs that promote well-being throughout our lifespans.

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Objective 3.2: Californians will have access to quality, affordable, and person-centered health care through delivery systems that are age-friendly, dementia-friendly and disability-friendly.

Q4 Recommendation: [Explain your recommendation in one to two sentences.]

California should revisit SB 491 (Hernandez) 2013, in an effort to increase access to services and help to alleviate workforce shortages, particularly in rural areas of the state.

Q5 Target Population and Numbers: [Describe groups of Californians impacted by this recommendation, with numbers if available.]

Rural area elders, most particularly

Q6 Detailed Recommendation: [Insert detailed bullet points describing your recommendation.]

Respondent skipped this question

Q7 Evidence that supports the recommendation: [Add links or summaries of research evidence that support the recommendation. Provide links or summaries of research evidence that support your recommendation]

Respondent skipped this question

Q8 Examples of local, state or national initiatives that can be used as an example of a best practice: [Provide any available links and sources.] Local: State: National: Other:

Respondent skipped this question

Q9 Implementation: [Insert actions state agencies, legislators, counties, local government, or philanthropy can take to move this recommendation forward. Some of the entities listed below may or may not be applicable to each recommendation.] State Agencies/Departments: [action to be taken by Governor or specific state agencies] State Legislature: [legislation needed to implement recommendation] Local Government: Federal Government: Private Sector: Community-Based Organizations: Philanthropy: Other:

State Legislature

Q10 Person-Centered Metrics: [Individual measures of inputs or outcomes that can be used to measure the recommended action's impact on people.]

Respondent skipped this question

Q11 Measuring Success: [Describe specific metrics that could be used to empirically measure the effectiveness of your recommendation]

Respondent skipped this question

Q12 Measuring Success: [How would we know that the implementation of your recommendation is successful?]

Respondent skipped this question

Q13 Data Sources: [What existing data can be used to measure success or progress?]: Existing data sources: [specify datasets, variables, and data owner/location] Suggestions for data collection to evaluate implementation of this goal when no data sources exist:

Respondent skipped this question

Q14 Potential Costs/Savings: [insert any research, actuarial analysis or other evidence of the cost of this recommendation or potential savings]

Respondent skipped this question

Q15 Prioritization: [How would you prioritize your recommendation relative to other needs/priorities?]

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