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ANA STATEMENT ON IOWA COURT DECISION

Silver Spring, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) is extremely disappointed in the recent ruling of the Polk County District Court judge to stay the proposed regulations of the Iowa Board of Nursing that allows Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) to order and supervise fluoroscopy procedures. ANA views this decision as a temporary setback for the nursing profession and a significant hindrance to the delivery of quality patient care in the state of Iowa.

The Iowa Society of Anesthesiologists and the Iowa Medical Society filed a petition against the Iowa Department of Health and the Iowa Board of Nursing to order a review of the regulation that allows ARNPs to order and supervise fluoroscopies, claiming the regulation ‘expanded’ the scope of practice for ARNPs. The court’s decision to stay the regulations will result in the postponement or cancellation of procedures across the state where an ARNP would have supervised. The decision is especially significant in Iowa, where ARNPs are often the only access to care available to rural populations.

ANA is determined to work with the Iowa Nurses Association to ensure that all its residents have access to high quality care, including that which is administered by ARNPs.

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The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.