

1 **SUBJECT:** Regarding the Full, Complete, Unrestricted and Independent Practice of
2 Medicine by Nurse Practitioners

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5 **REFERRED TO:** Professional Affairs Committee

6 WHEREAS, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) advocates for physician to be the
7 leader in healthcare teams based on their medical education and postgraduate training; and

8 WHEREAS, TOMA recognizes that physicians (MD/DO) are the only entity licensed by State
9 Medical Boards to engage in the full, complete, unrestricted and independent practice of
10 medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners are licensed by State Nursing Boards to practice nursing and are
12 not regulated by State Medical Boards and do not regulate the full, complete, unrestricted and
13 independent practice of medicine; and

14 WHEREAS, are attempting to change their scope of practice from nursing to the full, complete,
15 unrestricted and independent practice of medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, when Nurse Practitioners diagnose and treat an illness they are practicing medicine
17 and not nursing and should be subject to the same rules and regulations as Physicians and
18 Physician Assistants; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) stands opposed to the full,
20 complete, unrestricted and independent practice of medicine by Nurse Practitioners and the
21 regulation of this practice by the state Boards of Nursing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, that the TOMA will work with the state and national organizations American
23 Academy of Family Physicians, American Osteopathic Association and American Medical
24 Association – to educate and inform State and Federal Legislators regarding the (dangers in the)
25 unsupervised full, complete, unrestricted and independent practice of medicine by Nurse
26 Practitioners; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, that regulation and licensing for all providers of the full, complete, unrestricted and
28 independent practice of medicine should be under only one regulatory body to insure safe
29 quality medical care for all.

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