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**Fastest Growing Job in Healthcare** <sup>1,2</sup>

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**Fastest Growing Occupation in America** <sup>2</sup>

9<sup>th</sup>

**on Forbes list of 25 highest paying jobs in America** <sup>3</sup>

84% of Americans rated the honesty & ethical standards of Nurses as high or very high.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Bureau of Labor, April 2019

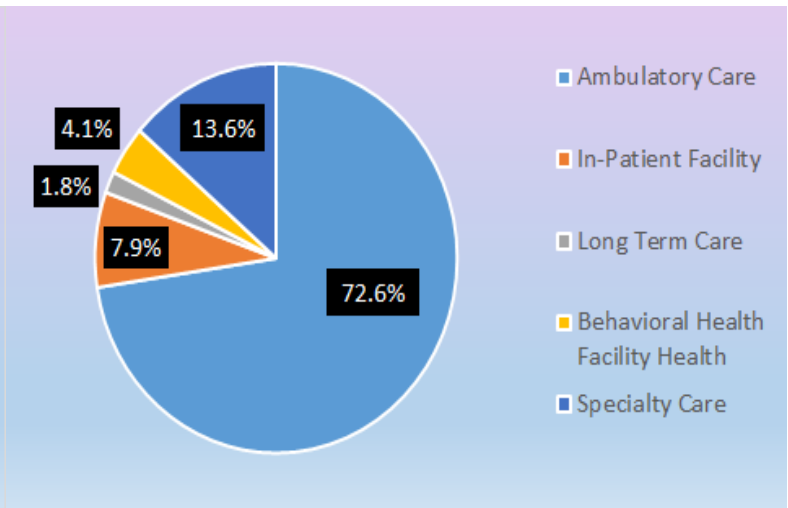
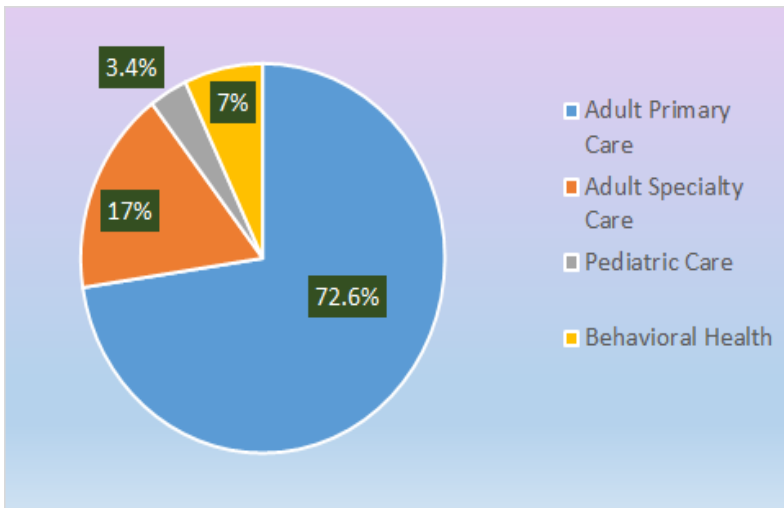
<sup>2</sup>Reference: U.S. Bureau of Labor, Last Updated April 2019 <sup>3</sup>

Forbes, August 15, 2018

<sup>4</sup> Gallup, 2019

### NPs Practice in All Settings<sup>5</sup>

### NPs Practice all Areas of Practice<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> AANP National Nurse Practitioner Sample Survey, 2018

## 8,700+ NPs Provide Quality Healthcare and Prescribe in Michigan

### 14 Nurse Practitioner Programs

- Andrews University, Berrien Springs
- Davenport University, Grand Rapids
- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti
- Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids
- Madonna University, Livonia
- Michigan State University, East Lansing
- Northern Michigan University, Marquette
- Oakland University, Rochester
- Saginaw Valley State University, University Center

- Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor
- University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Michigan-Flint, Flint
- Wayne State University, Detroit

### 2 Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Programs:

- University of Michigan, Flint
- Wayne State University, Detroit



### The Issue:

Michigan residents face barriers to mental health care when being treated by a Nurse Practitioner.

### The Facts:

- *Behavioral Health is part of every NP's curriculum and clinically training.*
- *NPs practice in every type of psychiatric medicine/behavioral health/mental health setting in Michigan.*
- *Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners receive specialty training in the area of behavioral health and treatment modalities.*

### The Solution:

Here are three primary solutions to improve mental health access for Michigan residents by amending the Mental Health Code (MHC) in Michigan Law.

- 1. Include Nurse Practitioners (NP) & Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) as Mental Health Professionals in the MHC.** The MHC currently defines "Mental Health Professional" as a physician, psychologist, RN, MSW, licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist.
- 2. Include NPs and CNSs in the MHC as providers able to initiate safety (chemical and physical) restraints.** This barrier only exists for patients receiving care in a psychiatric setting. NPs and CNSs can protect their patients (and other providers) by performing face-to-face assessments and issuing safety restraints in every other medical setting.
- 3. Include NPs and CNSs in the MHC as providers able to issue initial certification for involuntary admission to a psychiatric facility.** NPs and PAs can provide this critically important care in most states.

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