

Who's Caring for You?



SUPPORT H.R. 451 HEALTHCARE TRUTH & TRANSPARENCY LEGISLATION

PURPOSE

"To prohibit misleading and deceptive advertising or representation in the provision of health care services, and to require the identification of the license of certain health care providers."

NEED

90% of patients surveyed would want their practitioner to make it clear prior to treatment if they are not a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

GOALS

- Promote patient safety
- Reduce patient confusion
- Help patients make informed choices
- Ensure patient confidence

FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IS FUELING PATIENT CONFUSION

For patients undergoing surgical/ medical /diagnostic procedures, the sheer number of medical, administrative, nursing, and ancillary staff that they may encounter can easily lead to confusion in understanding who is providing specific types of care. As medical practices evolve, it is not uncommon for patients to receive care from advanced practice nurses, physician's assistants, residents, students, and medical therapists, among many others, in addition to attending physicians. The formal titles of these health care providers and the manner of patient introduction may lead to increased levels of patient confusion concerning their medical care.

Healthcare Truth & Transparency legislation would significantly reduce patient confusion and safeguard the public by prohibiting the dangerous practice of some health care providers who are not medical doctors using misleading terminology to misrepresent themselves or their qualifications. Patients should be confident in their healthcare decisions without having to second-guess their providers' credentials.



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