



### NAPNAP Position Statement Format Guidelines

The purpose of this position statement is to provide the organization's position on a topic and should not exceed two-three pages in length, excluding tables and references. If the authors believe that the statement needs to be longer, please consider submitting it as a full article/manuscript to the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*.

In order that position statements be uniform, the following format is used:

- Title
- Brief opening statement, limited to one paragraph. The first sentence is a clear statement for or against whatever we are taking a 'position' on. The following sentences further describe our position and provide the necessary background and rationale. If appropriate, the authors are encouraged to include language about the specific and unique role of pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) related to the topic.
- Further explanation of the issue. The position statement may be an advocacy position, an informational position, or a position designed to raise awareness or promote discussion of the issue. This section should include related goals and objectives and any actions NAPNAP will take related to the issue. Goals and objectives are often in a bulleted list that provides actionable items for addressing the issue.
- Brief summary statement of the issue and NAPNAP's position on the issue.
- Brief statement at the end of the statement describing who NAPNAP is and our mission statement.
- Current references using APA format (Within last 5 years unless seminal article). It is helpful to note seminal references for the review process.
- References should be primary sources, when possible. Self-citations can be included when considered primary, seminal sources. References of review articles should be limited to those that provide a comprehensive review of the topic and can serve as a secondary resource to the reader. Preference is given for objective, peer-reviewed references. Careful consideration is required for industry-sponsored publications or other potentially biased resources.
- Date developed/reviewed/affirmed/revised with copyright statement and acknowledgement of contributors.
- Automatic retirement statement\*

\* All regular position statements from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners automatically expire 5 years after publication unless reaffirmed, revised, or retired at or before that time.

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\* All priority position statements from the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners automatically expire 3 years after publication unless reaffirmed, revised, or retired at or before that time.