

# MN Scope of Practice Evaluation Tools

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# Today's Focus

-Project Overview

-Scope of Practice Tools

# Project Overview

#1: Develop a consensus framework to evaluate Scope of Practice (SOP) proposals

#2: Review recently enacted SOP changes to assess barriers

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# #1: Develop a consensus framework to evaluate SOP proposals

- Developed a 3-part framework to evaluate SOP proposals
  - 2 parts, 8 domains with questions
- Potential for use for bill proposers & policy makers

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/scope.html>

# SOP Evaluation Framework Domains

- Public Safety & Well Being
- Access, Cost, Quality, Care Transformation Implications
- Regulation
- Education and Professional Supervision
- Finance Issues
- Workforce Impacts
- Proposal Supporters/Opponents
- Reporting

# Stakeholder Engagement & Input

- Stakeholder meeting – 68 attendees @ Normandale Community College
- Held on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2016
  - Legislators
  - Licensing boards
  - Professional associations
  - Educators
  - Employers
  - Lobbyists
  - Legislator panel



# Legislative Healthcare Workforce Commission says...

In its [final 2016 report](#), the Commission recommended the following:

“Commission members agreed the legislature should adopt the common framework for evaluating scope of practice proposals developed by the 2015/16 National Conference of State Legislators/National Governors’ Association-sponsored scope of practice project.

The Commission recommends that 2017 incoming chairs use the framework and edit it as necessary after the close of next session based on user feedback and experience.

There was also support for encouraging use of the tool developed by the 2015/16 National Conference of State Legislators/National Governors’ Association-sponsored scope of practice project for assessing progress made following scope of practice changes and assessing barriers that remain to achieving the change’s goal.”

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## Scope of Practice Tools

Minnesota participated in a technical assistance project sponsored by the [National Governors Association \(NGA\)](#) and the [National Conference State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#) focusing on scope of practice policies in 2015-2016. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) was the lead agency. MDH staff convened a project core team which developed two tools related to scope of practice policies:

1. A framework to assist policymakers in the objective analysis of legislative proposals relating to scope of practice changes for regulated health professions/occupations

[Framework for describing and evaluating scope of practice and/or new licensure proposals for policymakers \(Word\)](#)

## #2: Review recently enacted SOP changes to assess barriers

- Developed tool to assess SOP barriers & identify mitigating strategies
- Can be used before/after SOP law changes

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