



The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Statement of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians in Support of the Coalition for Patients' Rights

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) strongly supports the Coalition for Patients' Rights efforts to preserve patient access to quality health care providers of their choice. The Coalition for Patients' Rights brings together health care professionals for the sake of *patients*—to ensure that the growing needs of the American health system can be met and that patients everywhere have access to quality health care providers of their choice.

The AANP contends that any health care professional who has achieved a degree awarded by an accredited institution has the right to utilize the title conferred, in our case “doctor,” regardless of medical specialty. We contend that consumer protection will be achieved through continued demarcation of qualified health care professionals with U.S. Department of Education agency-approved education and training. We believe that patients have the right to a full range of health care provider options and the ability to choose among them. AANP supports the Coalition for Patients' Rights and will continue to work with the other 37 member organizations to make certain America's health care needs are met.

Respectfully,

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