**PAFP response to rally calling for CRNP independent practice:**

Today, October 17, CRNPs held a press conference at the state Capitol on legislation that would eliminate the requirement for a collaborative agreement with physicians and grant NPs “full practice authority.”

While family physicians appreciate the contributions of CRNPs as valued members of the health care team, the PAFP firmly maintains that patients receive optimal care when treated by a physician-led team. We believe all Pennsylvanians deserve access to the highest-quality and safest primary health care services available. Family physicians, with their extensive education and training, are uniquely qualified to lead teams that uphold these standards and consistently deliver compassionate, comprehensive care.

The PAFP steadfastly supports the concept of physician-led, team-based care, as we believe it is best suited to meet the diverse needs of patients. Consequently, we stand in opposition to any legislative measures aimed at removing the current requirement for collaborative agreements that provide oversight of CRNPs by physicians. Our commitment to ensuring the highest quality care for all Pennsylvanians remains unwavering.