State of Alaska, Department of Health, Division of Public Health, Proposed regulations on Do-Not-Resuscitate Protocol & Identification, Alaska Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program (7 AAC 16, Law File Number 2023200464), Public Comment Received & Response, 01/06/2024.

## **DNR Protocol and ID Public Comment**

<u>Comment</u>: Thank you for moving forward with updating the POLST regulation. There is one concern. We are not designated as ARNPs per the Alaska Board of Nursing regulations. We are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Thank you for making the appropriate changes

<u>Response</u>: Thank you for your comment. We will make sure APRNs are referred to appropriately.

<u>Comment:</u> I would like to express my support to adding the APRN language to the 7 ACC 16. Do -Not - Resuscitate Protocol and Identification. APRNs are independent practitioners, they do not require physician oversight to practice. These discussions and decisions are well within the scope of practice for an APRN.

Response: Thank you for your comment and support for the regulations.