

## **Geographic Proximity of APRN and Collaborating Physician**

State statute 334.104.3. indicates what must be included in a collaborative practice arrangement between an advanced practice registered nurse and a physician. 334.104.3.(5) (b) references the geographic proximity requirement. It states, “Maintain geographic proximity, **except the collaborative practice arrangement may allow for geographic proximity to be waived for a maximum of twenty-eight days per calendar year for rural health clinics as defined by P.L. 95-210, as long as the collaborative practice arrangement includes alternative plans as required in paragraph (c) of this subdivision. This exception to geographic proximity shall apply only to independent rural health clinics, provider-based rural health clinics where the provider is a critical access hospital as provided in 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4, and provider-based rural health clinics where the main location of the hospital sponsor is greater than fifty miles from the clinic.**”

We cannot interpret the law or determine whether or how a law applies to a particular situation. We can only provide you with references to the law.

The actual law references two pieces as provided below:

**P.L. 95-210**

[http://www.marhc.org/RHC\\_Program\\_Overview%5B1%5D.pdf](http://www.marhc.org/RHC_Program_Overview%5B1%5D.pdf)

and

**42 USC 1395i-4**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title42/pdf/USCODE-2010-title42-chap7-subchapXVIII-partA-sec1395i-4.pdf>