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#### 43 CAP Management Guidelines

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There are an estimated 2 to 5 million cases of community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) per year in the United States, leading to more than 10 million outpatient visits, 500,000 hospitalizations, and 45,000 deaths. Patient education is instrumental to prevent both the acquisition and spread of CAP.

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This article describes a Washington State law enacted in 2000 that mandated indirect physician involvement and a study on whether or not this eliminated barriers to nurse practitioner (NP) practice. The study also investigated the impact this had on Schedule II-IV prescriptive authority for NPs. Using the research from this article in testimony, NPs were able to eliminate the indirect physician involvement requirement in 2005.

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