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# SUN LIFE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

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Press Release

## **SUN LIFE NURSE PRACTITIONER APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ARIZONA TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Casa Grande, AZ – Bessie L. Burk, FNP-BC, family care provider at Sun Life's Casa Grande Family Practice, has been appointed as State Representative for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. In her role as State Representative, Mrs. Burk will help with legislation regarding Nurse Practitioners (NPs), promoting the AANP and providing education at the State and Federal level.

"I am so fortunate to be a part of the AANP as a representative of the nurse practitioners in Arizona," states Mrs. Burk. "Arizona is an independent practice state for nurse practitioners, and I feel we have such a positive impact on our communities because we are able to meet their needs as primary care providers." "We are pleased that one of our providers was chosen to be a leader amongst her peers," says Travis J. Robinette, Sun Life's Chief Executive Officer.

Nurse practitioners practice according to their specialty and provide a unique blend of nursing and medical services to individuals and families. In addition to diagnosis and management of illness, NPs emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. NPs practice independently, and in collaboration with other healthcare providers.

Mrs. Burk started her education in nursing at Central Arizona College in 1997, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 2006 from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona. In 2008, she received her Masters of Science degree in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff. Mrs. Burk is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and along with membership with AANP, she is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society-Nursing. She joined Sun Life Family Health Center January, 2009 and welcomes patients of all ages.

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners was formed in 1985 to provide (NPs) with a unified way to network and advocate for NP issues and was the first national organization created for nurse practitioners of all specialties. As the largest and only full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties, AANP represents the interests of the more than 125,000 NPs currently practicing in the U. S. and continually advocates at local, state, and federal levels for the recognition of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, and personalized healthcare. To learn more about Nurse Practitioners, visit [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org), select the About NPs link.



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