

ANA Day On the Hill 2023

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Overview

- An opportunity to use collective action to influence and advocate with elected representatives
- Start the day with meeting of over 400 nurses to prepare on the bills and topics discussing
- Able to meet with staffers from the 2 senate offices and 6 representatives offices.
- Great discussions about healthcare, staffing, workplace safety, and how nurses make a difference

ICAN Act (H.R. 2713), introduced in Senate 7/20/2023

- .Removes arbitrary, outdated barriers in Medicare & MA programs that prevent APRNs from practicing to the full extent of their education & clinical education.
- Will increase patients timely access to care provider of choice
- Does not supersede state laws or change provider's scope of practice.
- NPs provide more than 50% of primary care to Medicare patients.
- Question brought forward of the costs of this bill, Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report.
- Remove the requirement that skilled nursing facility care be provided under the supervision of a physician and authorize NPs to perform admitting examinations and all required Medicare patient assessments.

Value of Nurses & Health Care Worker Burnout

- Pass the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care & Social Services (H.R. 2663/S.1176)

- Requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to issue an interim, and later final, occupational safety & health standard, that requires employers to take action to protect nurses/health care workers from workplace violence. DOL has signaled intention to issue a workplace violence standard for more than a decade.

- Prohibit the use of mandatory overtime as a staffing strategy & cost saving tool

Addressing the Nurse Staffing Crisis

No specific legislation ANA is currently advocating for.

-Enact legislation to prohibit mandatory overtime for nurses.

-**Implement enforceable nurse staffing standards** to ensure nurses have the time & resources they need to deliver quality care & positive patient outcomes.

-**Staffing standards alone will not resolve the staffing crisis.**

-**Education & training resources alone will not solve the nurse staffing crisis.**

-**7/13/2023 “ ANA Underscores Urgency for Safe Staffing Solutions, Including Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios”**

Chronic Care Management Improvement Act of 2023 (HR 2829)

-American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing & MNORN member Dr. Stephanie Witwer brought to MNORN attention.

-This bill eliminates cost-sharing for chronic care management services under Medicare. chronic care management (CCM) codes? Registered Nurses use these codes as they provide education, coordination of care and transition management for patients.

-Because they are separately billable codes patients are subject to copays and deductibles. Patients must consent to receive these services, they sometimes don't because of the out-of-pocket expenses.

-They are very helpful financial support for practices as they provide this additional support to patients with chronic conditions. This bill would eliminate cost-sharing for these codes and help to cut through the obstacles of providing these services.

National Nurse Workforce Center (S.1150/H.R. 2411)

- Would create a 2 year pilot program enabling existing state nursing workforce center to boost local nursing workforces & better evaluate the recruitment & retention of nurses.
- Nearest state nursing workforce centers--Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota.
- Every state needs an individual approach to address the nursing shortage, workforce centers implement evidence informed strategies to make the biggest impact.

Congressional Nursing Caucus

- There were NO MN representatives members of House Caucus.
- Senator Klobuchar is member of Senate Caucus.