

## WNA Legislative and Regulatory Update

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WNA continues to monitor and provide feedback to legislators on legislative proposals that are of interest to professional nurses and our patients. Below is a summary of WNA's position on legislative and regulatory proposals.

### January 2017 Special Session

**AB1/SB1** - Emergency administration of opioid antagonist to pupils and other persons.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Promote comprehensive and judicious approach to minimizing overuse/abuse of prescribed or non-prescribed opioids that include crisis intervention, inpatient, community-based treatment and support

**Status:** 7/17/17 Signed the Governor <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/29> .

**AB4/SB4** - Prohibiting certain schedule V controlled substances from being dispensed without a prescription.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/25>

**AB8/SB8** - Creating additional opioid treatment programs and making an appropriation.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/27>

**AB9/SB9** - Addiction medicine consultation program and making an appropriation

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Allow registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses to practice to the full extent of their education, training, experience and license.

**Status:** 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/28>

### 2017 – 2019 Legislature Regular Session

**AB41** - Grants to technical college district boards and technical college faculty, staff, and students and making appropriations.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Increase the capacity of nursing education programs to minimize wait times for nursing students through targeted funding.

**Status:** Referred to Committee on Workforce Development. 6/14/17 - Refused to suspend rules to withdraw from committee on Workforce Development and take up, Ayes 33, Noes 63, [2017 Assembly Bill 41](#)

**AB96/SB209** - Supply and use of epinephrine auto-injectors by certain authorized individuals

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** 4/20/17 AB 96 Passed the Assembly and referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee [2017 Assembly Bill 96](#)

**AB146/SB114** - The practice of dental hygienists.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Provide access to affordable dental and preventive health services

**Status:** 6/20/17 Signed by the Governor [2017 Wisconsin Act 20](#)

**AB225** - Placement of cigarettes, nicotine products, or tobacco products by retailers and providing a penalty.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Committee State Affairs [2017 Assembly Bill 225](#)

**AB227/SB161** - Training grants for advanced practice clinicians and making an appropriation

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Support practice innovation to drive exceptional nursing care

**Status:** 5/3/17 Public hearing Assembly Committee on Rural Development [2017 Assembly Bill 227](#)

5/24/17 Public Hearing Mining and the Senate Committee Revenue, Financial Institutions, and Rural Issues [2017 Senate Bill 161](#)

**AB252/SB172** - Administration of vaccines by pharmacy students

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Provide affordable prescription drugs, medical supplies, and healthcare services that are accessible and preventable.

**Status:** AB 252 – 6/14/17 Passed the full Assembly, 6/16/17 – Passed the Senate – Correctly enrolled.

8/2/17 – Signed by the Governor <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/acts/2017/42>

**AB260/SB232** - Physical examinations conducted by chiropractors; performance of medical examinations by chiropractors for youth athletic activity and for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**Position:** Oppose

**Rationale:** Protect the rights and safety of patients in and across all health care settings.

**Status:** 6/22/17 – Passed the full Assembly, Public hearing Assembly Health Committee [2017 Assembly Bill 260](#) and Received by the Senate and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

**AB293/SB 242** - Communicable disease control and prevention funding

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Promote a strong, viable, well-funded public health system and infrastructure that utilizes state and county health rankings to improve the health of the population

**Status:** 6/13/17 – Passed out of the Committee on Health and referred to the Joint Committee on

Finance. 5/17/17 Public hearing Assembly Committee on Health [2017 Assembly Bill 293](#) and 5/11/17- Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

**AB306/SB237** – Tracking the sale of pseudoephedrine products

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** AB 306 – 7/21/17 Passed out of the full Assembly. 5/8/17-Introduced and referred to

Assembly Committee on Health. [2017 Assembly Bill 306](#). 10/17/17 –Public hearing (AB306) in the

Senate Health and Human Services Committee. 6/23/17 Senate - Received by the Assembly, and

referred to the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services. 5/11/17 Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**AB 382/382** - Screening school district employees for tuberculosis.

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Promote a strong, viable, well-funded public health system and infrastructure that utilizes state and county health rankings to improve the health of the population

**Status:** 10/13/17 – [AB 382](#) Waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote in the Assembly. AB 382 – Passed out of the Education Committee. 9/21/17 – Passed out of Education Committee. 8/24/17 – Public Hearing. 6/8/17 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee. Senate SB 382 – 9/28/17 – Waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote in the Senate. 9/28/17 – Passed out of the Senate Education Committee. 9/14/17 – Public Hearing. 8/3/17 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee.

**AB432/SB 341** - Prohibits the hours of instructional program for nurse aids to be greater than the federal requirement of 75 hr. The hours required for Wisconsin 120 hours.

**Position:** In discussion

**Status:** AB 432- 6/30/17 Introduced and referred to Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. [2017 Assembly Bill 432](#) SB 341 – 7/13/17 Introduced and referred Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. [2017 Senate Bill 341](#)

**AB 500/SB 417** - Ratification of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures.

**Position:** Strongly support

**Rationale:** Appropriate utilization of APRNs and RNs

**Status:** **Assembly:** 10/18/17 – Scheduled to be passed out of the Committee. 10/11/17 – Fiscal Estimate received. 9/28/17 – Public Hearing in the Assembly Committee on Health. 9/20/17 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Committee on Health. [2017 Assembly Bill 500](#) Senate: 10/17/17 –Public hearing in Senate Health & Human Service Committee. 10/5/17 – Fiscal Estimate. 9/21/17 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health & Human Service Committee. [2017 Senate Bill 417](#)

**AB529/SB 452-** Requirements for certain services covered under the Medical Assistance program

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Appropriate utilization of APRNs and RNs.

**Status** [2017 Assembly Bill 529](#) - 10/18/17 – Scheduled for a public hearing 10/19/17 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee. [2017 Senate Bill 452](#) – 10/17/17 –Public hearing in Senate Health & Human Service Committee. 10/12/17 - Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB27 - [2017 Senate Bill 27](#)** Intravenous technician endorsement for emergency medical technicians

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Status:** 2/8/17 Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee

### **Administrative Rules/ Regulatory Updates**

**Scope Statement N3 – [SS 034-16](#)** Repeal Examining councils on registered nurses and licensed practical nurses

**Position:** Support—Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Rationale:** Wisconsin Board of Nursing no longer prepares the testing to become licensed as an LPN or RN. This is now a national standardized exam through National Council of States Board of Nursing.

**Status:** Cleared Senate and Assembly Health Committees (no comments received).

6/26/27 Submitted to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules

**Scope Statement** N1 – School of Nursing Approval (Curriculum and Clinical)

**Monitoring:** Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

**Rationale:** Changes are being proposed that support the nursing student.

**Status:** Board of Nursing working on drafting of rule

**Scope Statement** [CR 17-008](#) CSB 2/SS 004 17 Scheduling of AB-Fubina and ADB-Pinaca

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Categorizes as a schedule I controlled substance

**Status:** 7/7/17 No action taken by Assembly or Senate Health Committees Legislative review process

**Scope Statement** [CR 17-009](#) CSB 2/SS 002\_17 Scheduling of Brivaracetam

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Categorizes Brivaracetam as a schedule V controlled substance.

**Status:** 7/6/17 No action taken by Senate or Assembly Health Committees

**Scope Statement** [CR 17-007](#) CSB 2/SS 003\_17 Scheduling of Thiafentanil

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Categorizes Thiafentanil as a schedule II controlled substance.

**Status:** Passed with Effective date of 8/1/17

**Scope Statement** [CR 17-020](#) CSB 2/SS 015\_17 Schedule U-47700

**Position:** Support

**Rationale:** Categorizes U-4770 as a schedule 1 controlled substance

**Status:** 7/17/17/ - Submitted to the Assembly and Senate Health Committees – waiting for public comment.

### Pending Legislation Update

**APRN Modernization Act** – APRN Coalition working on a final draft of the legislative proposal. The goal is to have legislation introduced Fall 2017. WI APRN Coalition developed to assist with fundraising, communication & outreach and talking points. **WNA is leading this effort.**

**Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact** – The Wisconsin Board of Nursing will be accepting comments on the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact at a public informational hearing on June 8. The new version calls for mandatory fingerprinting of all new LPN and RN applicants as part of the licensure approval process. **WNA supports adoption.**

**Increase Supply for Nurse Faculty** – Support salary increases to increases. Support strategy that increases the supply of nurse faculty. **WNA is working with Administrators of Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW).**

**Criminalization of Workplace Violence against Nurses** – Increases the penalty for battery to a nurse to the same level as for those working in the emergency room. **WNA is leading this effort.**