

2026 FNA Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform

- I. The FNA supports legislation requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers statewide to implement a policy to evacuate surgical smoke for the protection of patients and healthcare workers.**
- II. The FNA supports legislation requiring the Florida Board of Nursing have oversight of nursing education programs to meet standards that strengthen education, ensure qualified practitioners, and improve patient safety statewide.**
- III. The FNA supports Patient-Directed Medical Orders (PDMO) legislation in Florida to ensure that patients' end-of-life care preferences are respected and honored across healthcare settings, promoting dignity and autonomy in critical medical decisions.**
- IV. The FNA supports efforts to protect and enhance the ability of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to practice to the full extent of their education and experience.**
 - The FNA supports the efforts of the Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses to enact legislation that removes unnecessary nurse practitioner collaborative practice agreements and physician-nurse practitioner supervisory language from the Nurse Practice Act in concert with The Consensus Model.
- V. The FNA supports safe practice and ethical work environments that protect nurses, patients, and the integrity of nursing care.**
 - The FNA supports policies that promote optimal staffing that result in safe, quality care for Florida's residents.
 - The FNA supports legislation and policies that protect healthcare workers against workplace violence across all settings, including the adoption of prevention programs, post-incident review processes, statewide reporting, and protection for nurses who remove themselves from unsafe environments.
- VI. The FNA supports recurring funding of The Florida Center for Nursing, which is dedicated to studying supply and demand and making projections to promote a safe nursing workforce for the citizens of Florida.**
 - The Florida Legislature directs the Florida Center for Nursing to annually review and report on nursing program approval, capacity, enrollment, graduation and accountability processes. We believe that the Center is essential to monitor and make projections regarding the nursing workforce.
- VII. The FNA supports legislation that promotes planetary health and protects our residents against the impact of negative environmental effects.**
- VIII. The FNA supports legislation that strengthens public health and expands access to care for the residents of Florida.**
 - The FNA supports a coordinated statewide pandemic response that ensures adequate PPE, appropriate vaccination of frontline healthcare personnel, safe staffing levels, and meaningful nurse involvement in planning and disaster response.
 - The FNA supports legislation that promotes equitable access to vaccines and public health education on vaccine-preventable diseases to protect Florida's residents and communities.
 - The FNA supports legislation that preserves and expands access to healthcare to ensure coverage for Florida's children, pregnant women, and adults with chronic illness.