



FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

HOW MANY STATES HAVE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY?

16 states and the District of Columbia authorize full practice authority upon graduation.

- Alaska, Arizona, DC, Hawaii, Idaho, **Iowa**, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, Wyoming
- Legislators may ask which states: mention Iowa- western border of Illinois, many APNs live in Illinois and work in Iowa as it has fewer practice restrictions.

POLICY TRENDS

- 7 states have a supervised transition-to-practice period prior to full practice authority in spite of graduating from an approved, accredited APN program.
- 6 passed such legislation after the implementation of the ACA.
 - Maine, Colorado, Vermont, Nevada, Minnesota, New York, Connecticut
 - Supervised transition to practice- no evidence of public protection for consumers.
- Research shows APNs provide safe, effective, high quality access to health care services . There is no evidence that shows %transition-to-practice+improves patient outcomes.

LEGISLATION TIMELINES/DEADLINES

- 2015 spring legislative session began January 14, 2015
- Deadline out of standing committee, chamber of origin (either the House or Senate): approximately March 27th
- Other deadlines to be met: passed out of chamber of origin, then opposite chamber committee
- Session ends May 31, 2015.

WHAT IS OUR LEGISLATIVE PLAN?

Remove all references to the Written Collaborative Agreement from the Nurse Practice Act and all other laws referencing it.

- Legislators ask for negotiation on issues of conflict.
- Legislator visits – January & first week of February – every legislator should have a visit from a nurse
- Identify organizational supporters for full practice authority and have them sign on
- Mid-February begin discussions with ISMS
- There is NO BILL NUMBER YET. We should be introducing the bill by the end of the month and we will send everyone the BILL #.

BILL SPONSORS

- Senator Heather Steans
- Representative Sara Feigenholtz

NURSE LOBBY DAY REGISTRATION TO OPEN FEBRUARY 1st.

DATES WILL BE MARCH 3rd, MARCH 18th and MARCH 25th
more details to follow

DON'T FORGET AFTER YOU VISIT WITH YOUR SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE USE THE PORTAL TO SEND US YOUR LEGISLATIVE FEEDBACK!