

AANP Report

The AANP is the national organization for the support of NPs. It works at the federal level for the advancement of the scope of practice of NPs. Current goals are the removal of the barriers of NP practice including requirements for co-signatures for home health orders and admission to hospice and nursing homes.

The AANP is open to all NPs (active and retired) and NP students. All NPs need to be members of both the state and national organizations to ensure advancement of the practice and be aware of attempts to restrict the scope of practice.

Current issues in the AANP include the upcoming election for state representative. Folks are encouraged to run for this seat. An application for the position is available at www.aanp.org

There are bills in both the House and Senate to have the co-signature of a physician for home health removed. Please contact your representatives to encourage the support for HR 4993 Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act. On the Senate side the bill is S 2814 Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act

Soon will be the nominations for the annual awards for excellence and advocate. These awards are given to one NP who demonstrates excellence in practice and to the one person deemed to be an exceptional advocate for nurse practitioners. The 2010 award winners are Pam DeVisser NP, the state award of excellence winner. Senator Wyden is the state advocacy winner. Please consider who best fulfills the role of an excellent NP or an excellent NP advocate and nominate them when nominations are called for in a couple of months.