



Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2713) An Investment In America's Health

Over the last fifty years, the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the *Public Health Service Act*) programs have helped to bolster the nursing pipeline by increasing the number of nursing students, faculty, and practicing nurses, including Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Title VIII funding supports students in programs ranging from entry-level through doctoral levels.

Introduced by Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and David Joyce (R-OH), the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act ensures that Title VIII programs are reauthorized in order to receive funding through fiscal year 2020. Legislative revisions have been limited to a handful of technical changes intended to align Title VIII reauthorization with current nursing roles and practices.

RECOGNIZING ALL FOUR APRN ROLES BY DEFINITION AND COUNCIL INCLUSION

Historically, only three (Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified Nurse Midwives) of the four advanced practice nursing roles have been delineated in the Title VIII statute. CNS are graduate-prepared nurses that specialize in an area of practice defined by a population, setting, or disease type, such as geriatrics or nephrology. The Title VIII statute is amended in two places to include CNSs thus creating equity among the four APRN roles.

[42 U.S.C. § 296j] – Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Grants: Amended to include a definition of Clinical Nurse Specialist.

[42 U.S.C. § 297t] – National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice: Amended to include Clinical Nurse Specialists in the advisory council.

INCLUSION OF CLINICAL NURSE LEADERS

Implemented in 2007, the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) oversees the lateral integration of care for a distinct group of patients. The CNL evaluates patient outcomes, assesses cohort risk, and has the decision-making authority to change care plans when necessary. Its inclusion allows for an equal opportunity with the other master's degree programs that can apply for the AEN program.

[42 U.S.C. § 296j] – Advanced Education Nursing Grants: Amended to include Clinical Nurse Leader in the AEN definition.

DEFINING NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CLINICS

Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs) are recognized as a key example of efficient, sensible, cost-effective healthcare. NMHCs are effective in providing individualized primary care that includes health promotion, disease prevention and early detection, health teaching, management of chronic conditions, treatment of acute illnesses, and counseling. NMHCs traditionally focus on populations underserved by the larger healthcare system and are learning environments for health providers.

[42 U.S.C. § 296] – Definitions Amended to include "Nurse-Managed Health Clinics."

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American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
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American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Dermatology Nurses' Association
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Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
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International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Black Nurses Association
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National Gerontological Nursing Association
National League for Nursing
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations

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