



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

For over 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."*

## Legislative History

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015 (H.R. 2713) was introduced in the House on June 10, 2015, by Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and David Joyce (R-OH). The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Currently, H.R. 2713 has **57 additional cosponsors**, Representatives Lacy Clay (D-MO), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Michael Capuano (D-MA), Norma Torres (D-CA), Charles Rangel (D-NY), John Conyers (D-MI), Sam Farr (D-CA), Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), Corrine Brown (D-FL), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Mark Takano (D-CA), John Yarmuth (D-KY), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Stacey Plaskett (D-VI), Brian Higgins (D-NY), John Lewis (D-GA), Earl Blumenthal (D-OR), Mark Takai (D-HI), Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY), Joe Courtney (D-CT), William Keating (D-MA), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Scott H. Peters (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Lois Frankel (D-FL), David Cicilline (D-RI) Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Lamar Smith (R-TX), Julia Brownley (D-CA), Joseph Kennedy (D-MA), Kathy Castor (D-FL), Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Donald Beyer (D-VA), Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), Timothy Walz (D-MN), Karen Bass (D-CA), Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Kurt Schrader (D-OR) Adam Schiff (D-CA), David Loebsack (D-IA), Brendan Boyle (D-PA), Pete Aguilar (D-CA), Brad Ashford (D-NE), Peter DeFazio (D-OR), John Delany (D-MD), Don Young (R-AK), Gwen Graham (D-FL), Donald Norcross (D-NJ), Thomas Rooney (R-FL), Gwen Moore (D-WI), and Betty McCollum (D-MN).

## 52 National Nursing Organization in Support of H.R. 2713

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

## ***Please Cosponsor the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act***

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