

VOTE "YES" ON SB 2151 A1

AMENDS ILLINOIS NURSE PRACTICE ACT—RN DELEGATION
CHIEF SPONSOR SENATOR MICHAEL HASTINGS

2017 NURSE PRACTICE ACT (NPA) HAS CONFUSING LANGUAGE

Registered nurses (RNs) are now allowed to delegate medication administration and other "nursing interventions" to unlicensed persons in community & in-home settings. *Community setting includes schools & clinics.*

Medication administration and nursing process (assessment, diagnosis, outcomes/ planning implementation, evaluation and patient teaching) have disappeared from the definition of registered professional nursing. This opened the door for non-nurses to perform complex nursing responsibilities like administering medications.

The NPA is to protect the unsuspecting public from harm by unqualified persons.

Nursing practice is regulated in law framed by definitions and requires nursing education and licensure. Now, confusing language exists delegating work to others. This must be corrected to protect the public.

- ◇ Prior to the 2017 NPA, almost exclusively all medication administration was performed by the skilled licensed professional nurse.
- ◇ The scope of practice for RNs must be consistent in all work environments.

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- ◇ Restores the robust definition of "registered professional nurse" identifying the role of the registered nurse in the nursing process & medication administration;
- ◇ Restores the definition of "task" which identifies work delegated by the RN to others *not requiring nursing knowledge*;
- ◇ Removes language that allows an RN to delegate nursing interventions and medication administration to **non-nurse personnel** in the community & in-home setting.

ASK LEGISLATORS TO VOTE "YES" ON SB 2151 A1:

NPA language must be clear and concise in definitions and the RN's role in delegation. Registered nurses can then determine safe patient care delegation of complex nursing work to others based on their education and licensure.

For the intent of a law to be useful to legislators and citizens, terms or phrases used in statutes must be clear and unambiguous.
https://www.ncsbn.org/2012_JNR_NPA_Guide.pdf

The public deserves to be safe!

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Illinois Nurse Practice Act

Legislative purpose. The practice of professional and practical nursing in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of nursing, as defined in this Act, merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be authorized to so practice in the State of Illinois.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=1312&ChapterID=24>

**CARE COORDINATION
REQUIRES SKILLS OF THE
REGISTERED NURSE
PRODUCING POSITIVE
PATIENT RESULTS & COST
SAVINGS:**

Reduction in Emergency Room visits;
Noticeable decreases in medication costs;
Reduced inpatient charges;
Reduced overall charges;
Average savings per patient;
Significant increases in survival with fewer readmissions;
Lower total annual Medicare costs;
Increased patient confidence and self-managing care;
Improved quality of care;
Increased safety of older adults in transition from acute care setting to the home;
Improved clinical outcomes and reduced costs;
Improved patient satisfaction overall.

<https://www.nursingworld.org/~4afc0d/globalassets/practiceandpolicy/health-policy/care-coordination-white-paper-3.pdf>

Senators & Representatives

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Amend Illinois Nurse Practice Act:

Restore the definitions of "task" & "professional registered nursing." and remove language allowing RNs to delegate medication administration to non-nurses!