



## VOTE “YES” ON SB 2151

AMENDS ILLINOIS NURSE PRACTICE ACT—RN DELEGATION

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WHY THE ILLINOIS NURSE PRACTICE (NPA) ACT REQUIRES AMENDING  
Drastic changes to the NPA will now allow a registered nurse (RN) to delegate nursing interventions including medication administration to unlicensed non-nurses in the community setting. These changes to the NPA fail to protect the public which historically required only educated & licensed nurses “qualified” to practice nursing.

- ◇ 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.

Qualified defined: “someone who is qualified has a certificate, license, diploma or degree in order to work in a particular profession.”

**The Purpose of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act (NPA) that qualified persons are authorized to persons practice nursing in the state of Illinois.**

### 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>

## Senate Bill 2151 is the LEGISLATIVE REMEDY!

### SB 2151 AMENDS ILLINOIS NURSE PRACTICE ACT

- ◇ Restores the robust 2007 NPA definition of “registered professional nurse” and the role of the RN in the nursing process & medication administration;
- ◇ Restores the 2007 NPA definition of “task” which identifies work delegated by the RN to others *not requiring nursing knowledge*;
- ◇ Removes language allowing RNs to delegate complex nursing responsibilities like medication administration to uneducated non-nurse persons in the community.

### ASK LEGISLATORS TO VOTE “YES” ON SB 2151

NPA language must be clear and concise in its definitions and in 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](https://www.ncsbn.org/2012_JNR_NPA_Guide.pdf)

## The public deserves to be safe!

Senators & Representatives

Vote to YES for **SB 2151**

**Amends Illinois Nurse Practice Act**

**Restores the 2007 NPA definitions of “task” & “professional registered nursing” and removes language allowing RNs to delegate medication administration to non-nurses!**

## 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>

Reducing nursing skill mix by adding nursing associates and other categories of assistive nursing personnel without professional nurse qualifications may contribute to preventable deaths, erode quality and safety... (2016, Aiken et al)

<https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/qhc/26/7/559.full.pdf>