

APRN Modernization Act

Nurses Day at the Capitol
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“I think one’s feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions which bring results.”

Florence Nightingale

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What is an APRN?

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
- Four APRN roles
 - Nurse Practitioner (NP)
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
 - Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)



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Who is an APRN?

- A registered nurse – RN
- Completed an accredited graduate-level education program (Masters or doctoral degree)
- Passed a national board certification examination
- Defining component of advanced clinical knowledge and skills to provide direct care to people
- Educationally prepared to assume responsibility and accountability for health promotion, assessment, diagnosis, and management which includes the use and prescription of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions;
- Obtained a license as an APRN in one of the four APRN roles



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Historical Perspective

- LACE Document (2008)
 - APRN regulation includes the essential elements of licensure, accreditation, certification and education (LACE)
- APRN Consensus Document (2008)
 - Named 4 APRN roles
 - Set goal of 2015 for national alignment



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Why does WI need a Modernization Act?

- Patient safety
- Needs of the State
- Needs of the People we Serve
- APRNs provide Care where it is Most needed



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Why does WI need a Modernization Act?

- Demand for APRNs is growing because:
 - Advanced practice nurse employment has increased 150% since 2009
 - Growth in Medicare eligible individuals in WI will increase from 13% (726,280) in 2005 to 22.3% (1,485,570) in 2035 requiring all healthcare providers to be able to work to their full scope of education, training and experience to provide collaborative, team-based care to achieve high quality outcomes
 - Evidence supports that care provided by APRN's has positive outcome data, is high quality and safe



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Goals of APRN Modernization Act in WI

- To modernize Wisconsin's Nurse Practice Act, State Statute Chapter 441; the following principles will be applied:
 - Definition for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
 - Provide formal licensure for APRN, recognizing the four different practice roles listed above
 - Repeal 441.15 – Nurse Midwife Practice Act
 - Repeal 441.16 – Prescription Privileges for Advanced Practice Nurses
 - Identify specific criteria to be licensed as an APRN (per LACE)
 - Create the conditions for an APRN to prescribe
 - Provide technical amendments to replace Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) with APRN.



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Wisconsin's APRN Modernization Act

- Bill co-authored by Representative Mike Rohrkaste and Senator Devin LeMahieu – HUGE THANKS!
- Will be introduced within the month
- Stakeholders are the public, APRNs, health care organizations and professional groups



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Advancing the Modernization Act

- What we need from you today...
 - Tell your representatives that Rep. Rohrkaste and Sen. LeMahieu will be introducing the APRN Modernization Act this month
 - Explain Bill provides title protection for APRNs and creates national alignment with the title APRN
 - 22 states, Washington DC and 3 US territories have already passed APRN Modernization Acts
 - Ask your representatives to co-sponsor the APRN Modernization Act
 - Ask your representative to support the APRN Modernization Act
 - Collect any questions and tell your representatives that an APRN Coalition Member will be in touch with answers



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Questions - Discussion

Thank you

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