

**Wisconsin Nurses Association
Legislative & Regulatory Agenda
2021 - 2022 Biennium**

WNA - Vision - To be a true catalyst for transforming health care through advancing the nursing profession.

WNA - Mission - To be the voice and principal advocate for the nursing profession grounded in our core values

WNA - Core Values - Service-focused, Innovative, Data Driven, Impactful, Inclusive and Integrity

WNA Public Policy - Guiding Principles:

- WNA and its members are the collective and collaborative voice to advocate for access to comprehensive and coordinated healthcare, nursing profession education, and optimal workforce conditions.
- Registered and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are critical to achieve the goals of improving healthcare delivery and population health in Wisconsin.
- Strong interprofessional partnerships promote the health of the public and address health disparities.

WNA Public Policy Priorities:

- Access - Advocate for policies that...
 - Increase access to equitable, economical, safe, quality, ethical, and innovative healthcare for all.
 - Increase patient access to care by advancing the scope of practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN).
- Education - Advocate for policies that...
 - Increase educational opportunities to grow the future nursing workforce.
 - Address barriers to increase the number of nurse educators.
- Nursing Practice & Workforce - Advocate for policies that...
 - Strengthen public health to promote prevention, health promotion, and safety of population health.
 - Minimize nurse exposure to COVID through appropriate access to personal protective equipment, enhanced community standard for wearing of masks, provide appropriate pay, safe work environment, access to workers compensation.
 - Maintain funding for data driven profession forecasting and workforce demands utilizing the Wisconsin Nursing Workforce Survey.
 - Allow school districts to exceed state-imposed revenue limits to pay the cost of school nurses.

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The Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) is the premier organization representing the interests of Wisconsin's 90,000 registered nurses. WNA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. WNA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all.