



Update on APRN Modernization Act: Preparing for Public Hearings

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WE FINALLY HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS!



- We can all celebrate that we finally have public hearings scheduled on the APRN Modernization Act – SB 394 [2021 Senate Bill 394](#) and AB 396 [2021 Assembly Bill 396](#)
- Details:
 - **SB 394** – The Senate Health Committee Public Hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday July 28, 2021**
Location: State Capitol, Room 201 Southeast
 - **Time:** 10:00 AM

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- Details:
 - **AB 396** – The Assembly Health Committee Public Hearing is scheduled for **Thursday July 29, 2021**
 - **Location:** State Capitol, Room 412 East
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm *There is a total of 11 bills scheduled for the hearing. AB 396 will be last.*

Overview of APRN Modernization Act



- Provides a separate license for APRN
- Includes the practice role (CNM, CRNA, CNS NP)
- Provides title protection for APRN. CNM, CRNA, CNS and NP.
- Allows all APRNs currently practicing in a recognized role to receive an APRN license.
- Replaces APNP with APRN in over 50 other state statutes.
- Repeals §441.15 – Nurse Midwife Practice Act
- Repeals §441.16 – Prescription Privileges for Advanced Practice Nurses

Overview of APRN Modernization Act



- **Criteria for licensure:**
 - Graduated from an accredited APRN education program.
 - Graduated with a Master's Degree (or post-Master's certificate) or higher in one of the four roles.
 - Hold National Board Certification that is approved by the Board of Nursing.
 - Evidence of having medical malpractice insurance coverage

Overview of APRN Modernization Act



- Includes a description of the scope of practice for each role.
- Clarifies the practice standard regarding the managing of patient care situations that are beyond the APRN expertise to include consult, collaborate or refer the patient to another health care provider.
- Allows for the delegation of a task or order to another clinically trained health care worker.
- Requires 16 hours of continuing education in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics s)

Why it is Important to Show up at the Public Hearings



- Registering in Support
- CNM
- Concordia University
- Health Tradition Health Plan
- United HealthCareServices
- WEA Insurance Corporation
- Nurse Anesthetists
- WNA
- WPS Health Insurance
- AARP
- Registering in Opposition
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Academy of Family Physicians
- Academy of Ophthalmology
- Academy of Pediatrics
- College of Emergency Physicians
- Wisconsin Medical Society
- Society of Anesthesiologists
- What are they saying (safety, diagnosis, no evidence)

Purpose of Committee Public Hearings

- The purpose is to educate and inform the Health Committee members on the importance of SB 394/AB 396.
- Persuade the Committee members to support the bills.
 - Increase patient access to care in each of their districts/communities.
 - Conform with 23 other states that have adopted legislation that allow for APRNs practicing at the top of their license.
 - Supports public protection by acknowledging the advanced clinical skills, education and practice abilities through separate licensure. Requires greater accountability and responsibility of the care provided to the public.
 - Decrease costs if the physician is being paid to be a collaborator for the APRN

Public Hearing Process

- The Health Committee Chairs decided to hold a public hearings.
- Committee members and public notified.
- List the legislative proposals that are scheduled to be discussed during the hearings.
- The day of the public hearing
 - Individuals wanting to testify will fill out a Committee Hearing form
 - Name, address -Bill number
 - Speak in favor, oppose or information—only
 - Give form to Legislative Page

Public Hearing Process

- Committee Chair welcomes and calls the meeting to order and provides any rules for the day.
- First to speak are the bill sponsors describing the purpose and intent of the legislation.
 - Sponsors are asked questions from the committee members.
 - Remainder of the hearing, the Chair will call on the other individuals to come forward and present testimony.
 - The chair alternates between in favor and oppose
 - Speakers come forward to provide testimony and answer any questions.

Strategy for Providing Testimony

- Have your testimony prepared, in writing with copies for each committee member. (16 for Assembly – 5 Senate) .
- Practice, practice practice! (Think of talking to your patient)
- Listen, listen listen! to what the other speakers are saying.
 - If speakers before you have addressed your talking points – Do not read your testimony – share other info
 - Instead, agree with previous speaker(s), describe any personal story to reinforce your testimony.
 - Be prepared to refute previous speakers if you have experience or evidence to support the contrary.
- Committee Questions: Listen to the question, state what you know, if unsure say it or willing to provide information

Public Hearing Strategy



- Know if you are a constituent of the Committee members.
- Feel free to let them know ahead of time or send a note to the committee member letting them know you are there (give this to the page).
- Dress in a professional manner, mask optional, bring water
- Fill out the Public Hearing form and indicate
 - You have written testimony but are not speaking. (Give your testimony to the legislative page when you turn in your form)
 - You are in favor of the legislation but not speaking.

Members of the Senate Health Committee



- Senator Testin (Chair) (Stevens Point)
- Senator Kooyenga (Vice-Chair) (Brookfield)
- Senator Bradley (Franklin)
- Senator Erpenbach (West Point)
- Senator Carpenter (Milwaukee)

Members of Assembly Committee)



- Representative Sanfelippo (Chair)
- Representative Summerfield (Vice-Chair)
- Representative Wichgers
- Representative VanderMeer
- Representative Skowronski
- Representative Murphy
- Representative Magnafici
- Representative Dittrich
- Representative Rozar
- Representative Moses
- Representative Cabral-Guevara
- Representative Subeck
- Representative Riemer
- Representative Anderson
- Representative Vining
- Representative S. Rodriguez

Written Testimony Letter

- Date: July 28, 2021
- Name of the Senate Health Committee Chair – Senator Patrick Testin, Chair Senate Health Committee
- Address: Room 8 South, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53707
- Date: July 29, 2021
- Name of the Assembly Health Committee Chair – Representative Joe Sanfelippo, Chair Assembly Committee on Health
- Room 314 North
- State Capitol, Madison, WI 53708

Written Testimony



- RE: Support of SB 394/AB 396 - advanced practice registered nurses.
- Dear Chairperson Testin and members of the Senate Health Committee
- Dear Chairperson Sanfelippo and members of the Assembly Health Committee
- My name is _____ I live in the (city, town etc..) and I practice as a (NP CNS or enrolled as a NP, CNS education program, or RN). I thank you for holding a hearing on the two Companion Bills SB 394/AB 396 and I am speaking in support of this legislation.
- Describe your support of the bill and what you bring to your patients. Describe how you practice today and how collaboration is an unnecessary burden.

Written Testimony

- You would like to be able to practice at the top of your license to increase access to care, efficiency, transparency, and reimbursement for your employer.
- .Other information you would like to share.
- Closing – Thank you again Chairperson ____ and Committee members for providing me the opportunity to provide my thoughts. I respectfully ask that you support this legislation and vote it out of Committee in the near future.
- Please let me know if you have any questions.
- Sincerely,
- Your name, credentials
- Home address and Phone number

Public Hearing Process



- **Assembly Hearing** –
 - Testimony time may be limited (3 minutes)
 - Committee members will probably come and go – Staffers will remain.
 - Wisconsin Eye will probably provide live coverage and recording.
- **Post hearing**
 - Chair will review submitted testimony and meet with bill sponsors to discuss any proposed amendments.
 - We may need to contact legislators if we support or oppose any proposed amendments.
- **Next Committee meeting** – Scheduled to “Exec” or vote on the moving the bill to the full house for a vote. Votes will take place on any proposed amendments then a final vote.



If you cannot attend the public hearing

- Please contact your legislators via email letter or phone message requesting support.
- Provide your name, address and phone.
- Please ask your nurse colleagues to do the same.
- Feel free to use WNA's messaging platform "Nurses Voice" to send your message
<https://www.wisconsinnurses.org/advocacy/nurses-voice/>

Questions send questions
to bri@wisconsinnurses.org

