

Legislative Update on WNA Positions – October 13, 2025
This is the most recent information on WNA’s position on legislation

[2025 Assembly Bill 414](#) [2025 Senate Bill 413](#)

Title: Immunity from prosecution for certain crimes based on assisting a victim of sexual assault, extending the time limit for prosecution of second-degree sexual assault, and the standard for terminating residential residency when tenant is the victim of sexual assault.

Committees: A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety S - Judiciary and Public Safety

Position: Support **Rationale:** Balances patients’ rights with safety regulations

Status: 10/1/25 - Passed out of the Assembly Committee.

[2025 Assembly Bill 294](#) [2025 Senate Bill 282](#)

Title: Membership on the Board of Nursing.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care and S – Health

Position: Active Support **Rationale:** Nurse Educators are needed due to the responsibility of the Board of Nursing to approve and monitor schools of nursing, APRNs is a new licensure that is the responsibility of the Board of Nursing. Both of these types of nurses will support board efficient and effective decision making.

Status: 10/7/25 Passed the full Assembly 10/7/25 Scheduled for a vote in the full Senate.

[2025 Assembly Bill 263](#) [2025 Senate Bill 264](#)

Title: Coverage of breast cancer screenings by the Medical Assistance program and health insurance policies and plans.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S- Health

Position: Active support **Rationale:** Additional evidence-based screenings for breast cancer under certain conditions i.e. dense breast tissue, should be part of the Medicaid and other health insurance coverage.

Status: A – Public hearing scheduled for 10/15/25, S- Passed out of the full Senate

[2025 Assembly Bill 257](#) [2025 Senate Bill 258](#)

Title: Advanced practice registered nurse licensure and full practice authority

Committees: Passed out of both houses

Position: Active support **Rationale:** Increases patient access to care

Status: 8/8/25. Signed by Governor Evers **[2025 Wisconsin Act 17](#)**

[2025 Assembly Bill 212](#) [2025 Senate Bill 214](#)

Title: Registration of out-of-state health care providers to provide telehealth services.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S- Health

Position: Support **Rationale:** Supports access to quality providers through a transparent system of registering and state oversight for physicians, APRNs and other health care providers

Status: 5/14/25 – Public Hearing Assembly. S- Passed out of Senate Health Committee, Waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote.

[2025 Assembly Bill 128](#) [2025 Senate Bill 156](#)

Title: Requiring first responders to be trained to administer epinephrine delivery systems.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care S - Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development

Position: Support **Rationale:** Provides timely access to care. There are RNs that volunteer or are employed as emergency responders and know how to give epinephrine but are currently prohibited to do so in their designated role.

Status: A- 10/15/25. Scheduled for a public hearing. S- 4/24/25 Public hearing held

[2025 Assembly Bill 114](#) [2025 Senate Bill 109](#)

Title: Clinician initiation of emergency detention of a minor and providing a penalty.

Committees: A -Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families
S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

Position: Support **Rationale:** This benefits the patient in two ways, mental health care clinicians that include psych mental health APRNs have the competencies, education and experience to determine when emergency detention is necessary, second, this removes the burden of law enforcement to be involved in the process as it is now in the realm of mental health care and not law.

Status: A- 5/27/25 Public Hearing S- 5/27/25 Public Hearing

[2025 Assembly Bill 97](#) [2025 Senate Bill 23](#)

Title: Extension of eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for postpartum women.

Committees: A - Regulatory Licensing Reform S- Health Committee

Position: Active Support **Rationale:** The incidence of postpartum health issues for women on Medicaid in Wisconsin is high, particularly for severe maternal morbidities (SMM) like hemorrhage, kidney, and respiratory complications after 60 days of delivery.

Status: S - 4/22/25. Passed out of the full Senate. A- 5/27/25 the bill was sent to the Rules Committee to decide to move it forward or ignore it.

[2025 Assembly Bill 86](#) [2025 Senate Bill 91](#)

Title: Imposing the penalty of life imprisonment for the crime of child trafficking and providing a penalty.

Committees: A - Judiciary. S - Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

Position: Support **Rationale:** WNA is very engaged in addressing the issue of human trafficking. Perpetrators trafficking children is increasing in Wisconsin.

Status: 3/13/25 - Passed by the full Assembly and sent to the Senate. S -4/15/25 - Passed out of the Health Committee. Waiting to be scheduled.

[2025 Assembly Bill 74](#) [2025 Senate Bill 97](#)

Title: Parental notification of alleged sexual misconduct by a school staff member.

Committees: A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety. S - Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

Position: Support **Rationale:** Supports transparency of information using an identified process and standards. Allows parental support and access to trauma counselors.

Status: A – 3/13/25 Passed the full Assembly. S- 10/8/25 – Public Hearing

[2025 Assembly Bill 54](#) [2025 Senate Bill 83](#)

Title: Utilization management controls for antipsychotic prescription drugs under the Medical Assistance program.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

Position: Support **Rationale:** Mental health providers like APRN psych NPs and CNSs have the education and experience in prescribing antipsychotics. Based on the history of providing mental health services to their patients, Medicaid should discontinue the prior authorization to continue prescribing.

Status: A – 10/15/25 Public Hearing scheduled. S – No action.

[2025 Assembly Bill 49](#) [2025 Senate Bill 70](#)

Title: A minor’s authority to consent to health care.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Support **Rationale:** This provides access to care for a population of minors not living with or having a relationship with a parent.

Status: A – No Action. S – 3/14/25 Passed out of the Senate Health Committee, waiting for it to be scheduled for a vote in the full Senate.

[2025 Assembly Bill 43](#) [2025 Senate Bill 42](#)

Title: Permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Support **Rationale:** Provides access to health care.

Status: A-5/13/25 – Passed out of the full Assembly. S- 3/14/25. Passed out of the Senate Health Committee. Waiting to be scheduled for a Senate vote.

[2025 Assembly Bill 44](#) [2025 Senate Bill 43](#)

Title: Pronouncement of patient death by APRNs

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Active Support **Rationale:** Increase utilization of APRNs.

Status: 8/8/25 - Signed by the Governor [2025 Wisconsin Act 19](#)

[2025 Assembly Bill 23](#) [2025 Senate Bill 39](#)

Title: Establishment of a Palliative Care Council.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Active Support **Rationale:** Palliative care is a concept that is not understood among consumers. This bill creates a entity that will develop standards of care, and information to consumers.

Status: A - 5/14/25. Passed by the full Assembly. S -3/15/25. Waiting to be scheduled by the full Senate for a vote.

[2025 Assembly Bill 19](#) [2025 Senate Bill 15](#)

Title: Increased penalties for crimes against adults

Committees: A - Criminal Justice and Public Safety. S - Judiciary and Public Safety

Position: Support **Rationale:** Supports public protection for vulnerable adults and avoid unnecessary mental health trauma.

Status: A – No Activity. S – 3/14/25. Voted out of the Senate Committee. Waiting to be scheduled for a floor vote.

[2025 Assembly Bill 12](#) [2025 Senate Bill 31](#)

Title: Increase utilization of APRNs who volunteer for local and county health committees, school districts and provide coverage under the patient compensation fund.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Active Support **Rationale:** Allows for a greater role in public health prevention polices and increased access to care.

Status: 8/8/25 Signed by the Governor [2025 Wisconsin Act 18](#)

[2025 Assembly Bill 11](#) [2025 Senate Bill 14](#)

Title: Pelvic exams on unconscious patients and creating an administrative rule related to hospital requirements for pelvic exams on unconscious patients.

Committees: A - Health, Aging and Long-Term Care. S - Health

Position: Support **Rationale:** Advocacy for safe and transparent practice

Status: 8/8/25. Signed by the Governor [2025 Wisconsin Act 18](#)