

33RD LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS FOR AK APRNS

2024 AK APRN MID-YEAR REPORT

MADE CONNECTIONS

SIX APRN representatives met with the State of Alaska Division of Insurance to discuss the financial and legislative issues hindering the care of an APRNs' patients and the impact of recinding the 80th percent rule.

FIVE Alaskan APRNs went to Washington D.C. and met with the staff of our federal legislators. Legislative staff gained education on the important role of APRNs for patient-centered care in Alaska.



NAMED IN STATUTE

HB 228, to establish an Alaskan Psychedelic Medicine Task Force, mandated the Alaska APRN Alliance to name an APRN to the Task Force. It is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

USED THEIR COLLECTIVE VOICE

- >10 letters written to our state legislators to support APRN patients with testimony provided for several bills by APRNs.
- Representation on the Nursing Workforce Center & the Maternal Mortality & Infant Death Review Committee
- Collaborations with AaNA, AHHA, AK AARP, National ANA and AANP, State of Reform, and other non-profit organizations
- Commented & monitored > 17 state bills, and > 5 federal bills



PATIENTS ARE THE REASON

Throughout the year, we have remained focused on the patient. We fought for seats at the table with legislators and the Division of Insurance throughout the 33rd session. We attended every Board of Nursing meeting to ensure APRNs were represented and responsive. Hard conversations were embraced to promote AK APRNs being seen as healthcare specialists who put the patients interest ahead of our interests.

"You treat a disease: You win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you win—no matter the outcome."

"Hunter Doherty "Patch" Adams

33rd Legislation Bills & Topics

State Bills	Topic	Action	Letter Written	Watch List for 34th Session
HB 226 SSSB121	Pharmacy Benefit Managers	Passed	Yes	
HB228 SB166	Psychedelic Task Force	Passed	Yes x4 different letters, & Testified	
HB 175	Renaming Direct Entry Midwives	Did not pass	Yes, NOT released since No Movement	Yes
SB 91	Telehealth Multidisciplinary Team	Passed	Yes, request APRNs to be added. Discussed with Senator Claman	
SB27 HB17 SB0027 A Version	12 Months of Contraception	Passed	Yes	
SB130	Nurse Licensure Compact	Did Not Pass	Yes & Testified	Yes
SSCR7	Executive Order Eliminating Board of Direct Entry Midwives	Revoked by Legislation	Yes, OPPOSED elimination of this board	
80th Percentile Regulation Repeal	Healthcare Costs & Viability	Met with the Division of Insurance Director Lori Wing-Heier and staff	Sent Letter with Comments, recommendation for full review.	
SB 115	PA Scope of Practice	Passed Senate & then no further movement	No	Yes
SB 219	Prior Authorization Exemption	Did not pass	No	Yes
HB361	Medicaid Parity for Behavioral Health	Did not pass	No	yes
HB 241	Protection from Criminalization of Reproductive Health	Did not pass	No	
HB237	Temp RN Permit for Lapsed License	Passed	No	
HB248	Liability for Failure to Consent for Pelvic Exam	Did not pass	No	
SB157	Sunset Board for Professional License Boards	Did not pass	No	

Federal Legislation Being Monitored

ICAN Act (Letter of support sent.)
 Prescribing of Diabetic Shoes (Letter of Support sent.)
 Federal Workers & Workplace Injury (Letter of Support sent.)
 Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab Services (Letter of Support sent.)
 Protecting Rural Seniors' Access to Care Act (Letter of Support sent with request to have provider neutral language.)
 Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction Act
 Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs
 Educating Future Nurses Act