

2014 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA


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OBJECTIVES


1. To review the 2014 six issues identified in the FNA Legislative Platform
2. To describe the current status of issues.
3. To discuss opportunities for RNs and ARNPs to participate in moving the agenda forward.



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1. Protect and enhance the ability of registered nurses (RNs) and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) to practice to the full extent of their education and experience.



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- File and actively lobby for passage of legislation that gives ARNPs full practice authority to serve the primary care needs of Florida patients.
- Monitor and oppose attempts to authorize use of unlicensed providers or LPNs to perform RN functions without appropriate supervision and oversight by RNs.
- Block legislative proposals to restrict ARNPs from using their educational titles.



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2. Support efforts to protect the rights, jobs, wages, pensions, health care coverage, and other benefits of our state-employed health care professionals.



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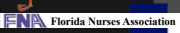
3. Support safe practice environments for all nurses and our patients.



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- Ensure that any legislation that requires the certification of surgical technologists also protect the supervisory role of the circulating registered nurse.
- Oppose legislative efforts to reduce Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals.
- Pursue legislation that ensures safe patient handling policies are established in health care settings.
- Pursue legislation that encourages health care facilities to establish collaborative councils to establish evidence-based nurse staffing plans.

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4. Protect and promote health-related initiatives that protect the health of Florida's residents.

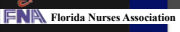
- Medicaid Expansion
- Public Health Funding
- Public Health Initiatives

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5. Protect the ability for educators to conduct rigorous reviews and maintain oversight of nursing education programs.

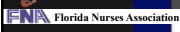
- Nursing Education Accreditation and Supervision

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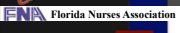
6. Preserve efforts to research and inform employers, the public, and policymakers about the nursing workforce needs of our state by pursuing funding for the Florida Center for Nursing.

- Funding for the Florida Center For Nursing (FCN)


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Current status of platform issues

Follow on your handout.

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Scope of Practice



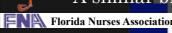
 **AAND** American Association of Nurse Practitioners
 2013 Nurse Practitioner State Practice Environment

- Full Practice**
State practice and licensure laws provide for nurse practitioners to evaluate patients, diagnose, and manage diagnostic tests, initiate and manage medical/surgical therapies, prescribe, and perform procedures. The National Association of State Boards of Nursing.
- Reduced Practice**
State practice and licensure laws allow for nurse practitioners to engage in at least one aspect of NP practice. State requires a signed collaborative agreement with an eligible health caregiver in order for the NP to provide patient care.
- Restricted Practice**
State practice and licensure laws restrict the ability of nurse practitioners to engage in at least one aspect of NP practice. State requires supervision, delegation or oversight by an eligible health discipline in order for the NP to provide patient care.

Nurse Practitioner State Practice Environment
 2013
 American Association of Nurse Practitioners, 2013

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- Florida Select House Committee on Healthcare Workforce innovation
 - Several hearings to date
 - Produced a bill that would allow nurse practitioners to practice independently after 3 years of clinical practice
 - Allows controlled substances, Baker Act, etc.
 - Strongly opposed by FMA
 - A similar bill is expected out of the Senate


<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Committees/committeesdetail.aspx?CommitteeId=2786>

Health Initiatives

MEDICAID EXPANSION

- Creates a new Medicaid group - Newly Eligible Individuals age 19 up to 65 who:
 - Have income below 138% FPL
 - Meet citizenship requirements
 - Are not incarcerated
- Are not entitled to Medicare
- Changes to income and deductions for existing Medicaid groups:
 - Children
 - Pregnant Women
 - Families (Parents/Caretaker Relatives)
- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology used for income calculation is the IRS

Source Medicaid.gov

2013 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| Persons in family/household | Poverty guideline |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | \$11,490 |
| 2 | 15,510 |
| 3 | 19,530 |
| 4 | 23,550 |
| 5 | 27,570 |
| 6 | 31,590 |
| 7 | 35,610 |
| 8 | 39,630 |

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,020 for each additional person.

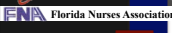
MEDICAID EXPANSION FUNDING

- Phased implementation
 - Federal government pays 100% of cost of new enrollees until 2017
 - Federal government pays 95% of cost of new enrollees until 2020 and pays 90% of the cost afterwards

Source: Medicaid.gov

MEDICAID EXPANSION COST/SAVINGS


- Costs and savings to the state are difficult to estimate due to:
 - # that would actually enroll is undetermined
 - Utilization is estimated
 - Negative cost driving factor is unknown
- One estimate states that it will cost 1.2 billion over ten years to the state *
- One estimate states that the state will save 438 Million dollars a year **



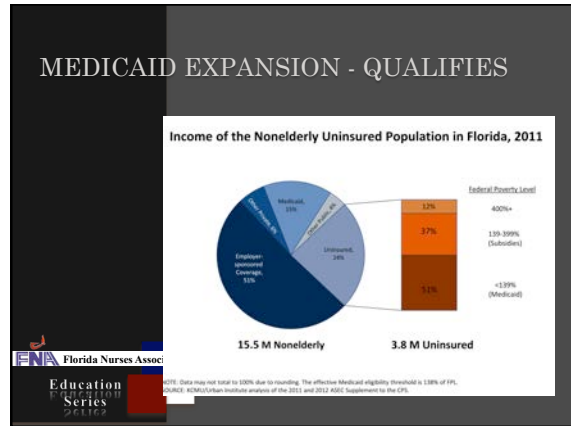
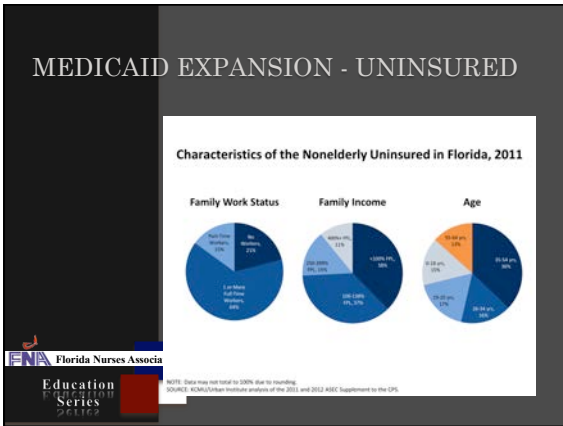
*Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
**Georgetown Health Policy Institute

MEDICAID EXPANSION

Nearly 764,000 Poor Nonelderly Uninsured Adults in Florida Will Be in the ACA Coverage Gap in 2014



NOTE: Excludes undocumented immigrants and legal immigrants who have been in the US for 5 years. SOURCE: KFF analysis of March 2012 and 2013 FPL and 2014 Medicaid MAGI eligible levels.



Health Initiatives

- Public Health Funding
- Public Health Initiatives

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Education

- Nursing accreditation and supervision – Position Statement under Development and ready for FNA Board of Director consideration and approval.

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Nursing Workforce Data

- Funding for the Florida Center for Nursing – FCN
This was mentioned at the Governor’s staff meeting Nov 4, 2013


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- Telehealth
- Current bill in the Senate and house does not include nurses

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How the legislative platform is developed.

- reference proposals
- membership driven




Current status Legislative Session begins March 2014

- 6 weeks in duration


FNA Lobby Days

- March 25 & 26



Actions


- Educate yourself
- Local visits to legislators
- Presentations to legislative delegations
- Information to friends and relatives
- Following legislation on website
- Participation as an Legislative District Coordinator (LDC)
- Participation in the Health Policy Special Interest Group (HP-SIG)



Actions Educate yourself


- Talking Points
- CapWiz
- 2014 Campaign for Action resource manual
- FNA PAC

<http://www.makethemhearyou.com>



2014 CAMPAIGN FOR ACTION

- GOAL: Grassroots outreach to engage nurses and the public (March 2014)
- Through engagement hope is that nurses and public will reach out to legislators and convince them to support nursing issues
- First year FNA has attempted this




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2014 CAMPAIGN FOR ACTION

KEY ISSUES

- Medicaid
- ARNP
- TeleHealth
- State Employees
- Public Health
- Nursing Education
- Etc

- Process
 - Nurses invite a small group (3-4 persons) to meet with them. (Friends, colleagues, family)
 - The nurse will educate the group regarding issues the legislators are considers (ARNP Scope, Telehealth, Medicaid, etc.)
 - The nurse will assist the group to ascertain who their legislators are
 - The nurse will assist the group to reach out to their legislators and media (Email, letters, phone, etc.)
 - Post event on social media



RESOURCES

- 2013 Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Lecture!
- "Back to the Future of Nursing: A Look Ahead Based on a Landmark IOM Report"
- Wednesday, December 11, 2013,
5:00-7:30 p.m. ET
- Event viewing party -
mcourville@aarp.org



RESOURCES

Campaign for Action

Leading Change, Advancing Health: 3 years of progress through NURSING

50 STATES have adopted the **CONSENSUS**

7 STATES have passed **major nursing practice and scope of practice laws**

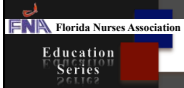
16 STATES have adopted **new or updated nursing practice acts**

Help ensure that **everyone** has access to high quality health services. Get Connected at CampaignforAction.org



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