



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS
Channel Islands Chapter

GRASSROOTS ACTIVITY NEWSLETTER

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Legislation Updates:

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin is appointed to the Committee of Business and Professions, where certain NP interest bills are decided upon prior to passing. This will mean that we need to work closely with her office, letting them understand the care that NPs do each day.

Legislative Bill Updates:

AB 1560 (Friedman): This year, CANP is sponsoring AB 1560, by Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), which would eliminate the ratio in existing law that limits one physician to supervising four NPs, if those NPs are furnishing. CANP has proposed this ratio be eliminated or changed, as a means of expanding the ability for NPs to work in multiple settings, often in medically underserved areas and clinic systems that may only have one MD working as a medical director but multiple physical locations providing patient care. As we have begun to engage in stakeholder discussions around the bill, CAPA has requested that PAs be able to join our efforts and be included in the bill. In May, the bill passed on the Assembly floor, with both Asm. Irwin and Asm. Limon voting “yes.” It was then amended July 3rd from a proposed ratio of 1:18 to a ratio 1:12. This will hopefully neutralize professional medical associations. Despite this amendment, UC and State hospitals still oppose the bill. Most recently, on July 10th, it was passed in the Senate Committee of Business, Professions, and Economic Development, with only one “no” from Senator Pan. It is not yet scheduled for a third hearing and a vote in the Senate.

SB 554 (Stone): Authored by Senator Jeff Stone (D-Temecula), SB 554 would prohibit construing the Nursing Practice Act prohibit a nurse practitioner from furnishing or ordering buprenorphine for treatment of opioid addiction, in compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act. As of July 17th, it has been passed through both Senate and Assembly, with a “yes” from Sen. Stern, Asm. Irwin, and Asm. Limon, (and Sen. Pan!). It will now go back to the Senate to be approved in its final, amended version, but no date is set yet.

AB 422 (Arumbala): Would authorize CA State Universities to award DNP degrees at campuses that have DNP programs. (Current law, until July 1, 2018, considers these programs as “pilot programs.”) It passed through the Assembly, and is currently sitting in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AB1368 (Calderone): CANP is working with the California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA), on amendments to AB 1368, by Assembly Member Calderon (D-Los Angeles). AB 1368 is being sponsored by CAPA and would allow physician assistants to sign any authorization form required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Medi-Cal benefits and services. In many instances, DHCS has rejected forms that are appropriately signed by PAs, arguing that they must be signed by a physician and resulting in significant delays in access to care for Medi-Cal enrollees. CANP has heard from many NPs that they are experiencing the same sort of administrative challenges and delays, and as such. AB 1368 will be amended to include NPs in that same authority. AB 1368 has passed the Assembly, with zero “no’s” and is now in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. It is set for committee hearing on August 21st.



AB 387 (Thurmond): This bill would provide that any person engaged in a period of supervised work experience to satisfy requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an Allied Health Professional is subject to the minimum wage law. This can be difficult for healthcare systems as run on tight margins to pay for students to train. The issue is that it can eliminate training at healthcare organizations. It passed through two Assembly committees, but is currently ordered as “inactive” by Asm. Thurmond.

Channel Islands Chapter Community Outreach

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin’s
Third Annual K-12 Resource Fair | Transition to the Future
10:00AM – 2:00PM
Saturday, August 12, 2017
Oxnard PAL Gym
350 South K Street
Oxnard, California

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!

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