

# Health Policy & You

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# ISNA & ANA's Roles

- **Your (Voice) Advocate in Policymaking**
  - **Committee Testimony, Lobbying, Action Alerts**
  - **Advisory Boards, Stakeholder Groups**
- **Keeping You Informed (Knowledge Experts)**
  - **ISNA members weekly e-newsletter, the ISNAbler**
- **Amplify Your Advocacy (Connecting You)**
  - **Help you contact your state legislators**
  - **Recruit more nurses to your cause**









fight for you. Because it is your voice at the bedside that matters ❤️ #nursing #joining Thank you Jennifer Embree  
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# First Male ANA President-Dr. Ernie Grant



# What is Health Policy?

- **Health Policy is Behavior Modification**
  - Carrots & Sticks
  - Goal = better outcomes at lower costs
  
- **Modifying the behavior of the players in our health policy ecosystem**
  - Patients
  - Providers
  - Payers
  
- **Health Policy is created in three primary mediums**
  - Legislative
  - Administrative
  - Organizational



## **2019 Indiana General Assembly Session Preview**

- **January until late March or early April**
- **2019 is a budget year, so legislators will be deciding on funding for all state spending**
- **Bills introduced in 2018 that did not pass can be reintroduced in 2019**
- **In late summer into fall, the legislators held interim study committee hearings to gain input and knowledge on issues they are considering for the 2019 session**

# Interim Study Committee Topics

- **Nurse Licensure Compact**
- **Medical marijuana**
- **Fiscal, economic, and workforce development impact of Indiana smoking rates**

# Nurse Licensure Compact

## Background

- **Allows a nurse living in a compact state to practice nursing in any other compact state on their home state license**
  - **31 states have joined, Kentucky is the only contiguous state to Indiana that has joined**
  - **Nurses are bound by the license standards (ex. CE requirements)**
  - **(why does Indiana not require CEs?)**
  - **of their home state and the practice standards of whichever state they are practicing in (practice jurisdiction is based on the location of the patient, even if the nurse and patient are in different states)**
  - **Does not apply to APRN practice, only RNs and LPNs**
- **Likely will be the subject of a bill in the 2019 Indiana General Assembly session**



# Nurse Licensure Compact

- **School Nurse Relevance: school trips to/from other states**
- **Testimony was given in support-Indiana Hospital Association, Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives, and Baptist Floyd Health**
- **The Indiana Attorney General-no participation in hearing, word is their opposition is related to the concern around increased sharing of investigative information for nurses.....**
- **Interim Study Committee adopted the following statement:**
  - **The committee evaluated the Compact and believe it has merits. However, questions regarding criminal history checks, discipline under the compact, the collection of data concerning professionals leaving the state, and the issue of sharing investigations protected by attorney-client privileges remain. Subject to satisfactory answers to the above questions, the legislation should move forward.**
- **ISNA is neutral for reasons similar to those adopted by the committee (Who will take care of all of the impaired nurses?)**

# Medical Marijuana

- School Nurse Relevance: potential for student exposure
- **Testimony supported and opposed medical marijuana. Motion to recommend-state regulatory agency assess impact and effectiveness of various regulatory schemes to license, permit, monitor and otherwise control the production of marijuana was defeated 5-8.**
- **Some legislators voted based on the opinion-federal government should act on the issue before the state acts.**
  - **Separate motion recommending further study defeated**
    - **Legislators voting no wanted the committee to take a more definitive step. Expect bills on medical marijuana to be introduced in the 2019 Indiana General Assembly session.**
    - **Interim hearing demonstrates that there is not legislative consensus on what Indiana should do regarding the topic.**

# Smoking Cessation

- **School Nurse Relevance: potential to reduce student smoking**
- **Last two legislative sessions there have been bills proposing:**
  - **Increase cigarette tax,**
  - **Increase age to buy 18 to 21,**
  - **Repeal laws providing employment protections for smokers**
- **Testimony in support of smoking cessation legislation- Alliance for a Healthier Indiana (stakeholder group that ISNA participates in), Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Hospital Association**
- **Opposed by tobacco companies and convenience stores**



## **School Nurse Services Reimbursement**

- **In October, FSSA announced the 2019 Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) reimbursement rate for nursing services rendered by an RN will be the same as in 2018 (\$10.87 per 15 minutes)**
- **Covered services must be medically necessary, ordered by a physician, and provided in accordance with an IHCP-enrolled student's individualized education plan**
- **Contact FSSA with any questions: 800-457-4584**

## Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

### Passed in 2018

- **Change APN to APRN under Indiana law (SB 410)**
- **Require certification for prescriptive authority (SB 410), or portfolio equivalent**
- **Allow APNs to validate POST forms (HB 1119)**

### Not Passed in 2018

- **Retire the collaborative practice agreement requirement for prescriptive authority (HB 1302)**
  - Legislators trying to find a compromise by attaching strings
- **CAPNI-leading a multi-stakeholder effort to reintroduce and pass legislation in 2019**
  - **Other states have used a transition to full practice authority as a political compromise**

# ISNA Save the Dates

- **February 11<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis**
  - **ISNA PAC Policy Conference**
  - **Renowned Health Policy Speakers**
  - **Visits from State Legislators**
  - **Updates on Pending Bills in the Indiana General Assembly that Impact Nursing**
  
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Indianapolis-**
- **Dr. Sharron J. Crowder-Speaker 😊**
  - **Indiana Nurses Foundation Luncheon**
  - **Fundraiser for Nursing Research Grants**
  - **Grant Applications Available at**  
**<https://www.indiananurses.org/about-isna/indiana-nurses-foundation/>**





# ISNA Convention 2019

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Save the Date: September 20, 2019

# Nurses on Boards



- **10,000 Board Seats Held By Nurses By 2020**
- **[www.nursesonboardscoalition.org](http://www.nursesonboardscoalition.org)**
- **Indicate (1) you are on a board, or (2) you are interested in being on a board**
  - **If you are interested, you will receive information from your state coalition about educational programs and board service opportunities**