



Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 (H.R. 959/S. 1109)

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act would reauthorize critical Nursing Workforce Development programs through fiscal year 2022. The Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) bolster nursing education at all levels, strengthen nursing education and fund institutions educating nurses to practice in rural and medically underserved communities. Additionally, the reauthorization includes technical changes to update the statute with current nursing roles and practices.

1. Recognizes all four advanced practice registered roles.

Amends Title VIII statute to include clinical nurse specialists, graduate-prepared nurses specializing in an area of practice, as providers eligible for Advanced Education Nursing Grants and the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice. Current statute only delineates nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists and certified nurse-midwives.

2. Includes clinical nurse leaders in eligible providers for Advanced Education Nursing Grants.

Graduate-prepared clinical nurse leader oversee the design, implementation and evaluation of patient care by coordinating, delegating and supervising the care provided by a clinical health care team.

3. Defines nurse-managed health clinics.

Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs) are a prime model of efficient and cost-effective primary health care. Run by nurse practitioners, NMHCs traditionally focus on populations underserved by the larger health care system and are learning environments for health care providers. They provide individualized care that includes health promotion, disease prevention and early detection, health teaching, management of chronic conditions, treatment of acute illnesses and counseling.

AONE's Ask: Please co-sponsor and pass H.R. 959/S.1109