



The Need for Advanced Practice Providers to Fill the Healthcare Gap

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OBJECTIVES

- Synthesize the history of APRN practice inclusive of educational preparations, practice agreements, certification and scope.
- Evaluate the national landscape in relation to access to healthcare and APRN scope of practice and environment.
- Assess the current state of healthcare in Georgia in relation to issues with access to quality prenatal care and healthcare needs, identified barriers on APRN scope practice environment, and impact that APRN provided care has on patient outcomes.
- Explore advocacy steps to improve access to quality prenatal care and health care in Georgia.



CAPRN

Georgia Coalition of Advanced Practice
Registered Nurses (CAPRN, 2019)

<http://caprn.org/>

WHAT IS CAPRN?

- Formed in 2010.
- Purpose: APRN organizations across Georgia to improve healthcare of all Georgians through collaboration, advocacy and legislative initiatives.
- CAPRN: now represents over 20 associations of advanced practice registered nurses.
- CAPRN Lobbyists:
 - Julianna McConnell, MBA, CPA: CAPRN Lead Lobbyist
 - Aubrey Villines, JD: CAPRN Lobbyist

Georgia Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CAPRN, 2019)

Mission Statement:

- Working Together to Advance the health of all Georgians.
 - The Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is an organization that unites advanced practice nursing organizations across the state of Georgia with the goal of advancing the health of all Georgians.

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL! (CAPRN, 2019)

- The Coalition (CAPRN) works together to allow for open communication, networking, and collaboration on issues affecting the health of Georgians and the provision of advanced practice nursing care.





GA CAPRN WHO ARE WE?



- **Volunteers representing Advanced Practice Nursing and APRN organizations across the state of Georgia.**
- **“Legislative Arm” of your APRN Organization...Crafting the all important “OneVoice” messaging for APRNs on legislative issues**
- **A “Bundler” of sorts as APRN organizations come together to retain a paid professional Lobbyist to represent APRN interests in the Georgia Legislature**
- **Your Source of Legislative Education and Advocacy Opportunities...how to connect with your legislators and encouraging APRNs to become familiar with the political process, be at the table, and even consider running for office**

'THE TIE THAT BINDS'

- Common thread in purpose and mission statements
 - Enhance and promote the APRN role
 - Addressing and promoting legislative and practice issues
 - Setting standards for practice excellence
 - Improving the quality of health care
 - Uniting our profession

UNIFICATION

- Engagement in frequent, open and honest discussions
- Shared speaking engagements
- Collaborative branding – “One Voice”
- Coordinated outreach – clinical, academic, legislative, community
- Common goals – Ensuring Optimal Healthcare for All Georgians

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Goal: Move from Transactional to Transformational Leadership
 - Leaders are visible visionaries
 - Trust is established and strengthened
 - Partner organization leaders and members involved in decision making
 - Transparency

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

- Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CAPRN)
- United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia (UAPRN)
- Georgia Clinical Nurse Specialists (GACNS)
- Georgia Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (GA ACNM)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Georgia Chapter
- Georgia Nurses Association (GNA)
- Georgia Association of Nurses Anesthetists (GANA)
- APRN Council of Coastal Georgia
- Central Georgia Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CGAPRN)
- Georgia Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)
- Atlanta Nurse Practitioner Facebook Group



UAPRN

United Advanced Practice Registered
Nurses (UAPRN, 2019)

UAPRN: Shining a Light for Georgia Health

UNITED ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES OF GEORGIA (UAPRN)

- Represents all APRNs in its promotion of APRN issues relating to legislative and practice areas and to support the advancement of the APRN role.
- <https://uaprn.enpnetwork.com/>

PURPOSE OF UAPRN IS TO

- Become a collective voice for all APRNs in Georgia.
 - Advocate for and provide accessible, quality health care for all Georgians.
 - Educate public regarding advanced nursing practice.
 - Address legislative and political issues related to health care and current barriers to APRN practice in Georgia.
 - Promote collaboration and unification of all APRNs in Georgia.
 - Provide professional role identification and mentorship to nursing colleagues, students, and new APRNs.
 - Promote, support & perform nursing research that includes practice, management, and legislative issues.
- (UAPRN, 2019)

APRN ORGANIZATION BENEFITS

- Resource for faculty and students in all aspects of the APRN role
 - Presentations (live and electronic) for professional development courses
- Events inclusive of Monthly Pharmaceutical Dinners, Legislative Bootcamps, Networking and Mentoring Mixers, Professional State-wide Conferences, APRN of the Day, and Member Appreciation Dinners
- Legislative Advocacy, Updates, Initiatives and Agendas
- Mentoring and Preceptor opportunities

APRN PRACTICE: HISTORY, EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION, & SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

- Role encompasses the patient, the nurse and nursing practice, as well as the healthcare organization and system.
- Responsible and accountable for diagnosis and treatment of health/illness states, disease management, health promotion, and prevention of illness and risk behaviors among individuals, families, groups and communities.

Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)

- Provides a full range of primary health care services to women throughout the lifespan, including gynecologic care, family planning services, preconception care, prenatal and postpartum care, childbirth, and care of the newborn.
- Practice includes treating the male partner of their female clients for sexually transmitted disease and reproductive health.
- Care is provided in diverse settings, which may include home, hospital, birth center and a variety of ambulatory care settings including private offices and community and public health clinics.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

- Provides the full spectrum of patients' anesthesia care and anesthesia-related care for individuals across the lifespan
- Health status may range from healthy through all recognized levels of acuity, including persons with immediate, severe, or life-threatening illnesses or injury.
- Care is provided in diverse settings, including hospital surgical suites.

Nurse Practitioner (NP)

- Educated to practice independently at an advanced level to provide care.
- Address health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling as well as the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic diseases.
- Provide initial, ongoing and comprehensive care to patients in family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, geriatrics, and women's health.
- Practice in primary or acute care which have separate national competencies and unique certifications.

EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

- Hold either a Master's or Doctorate's degree, in addition to the initial nursing education and licensing required for all Registered Nurses
 - Graduate-level prepared nurse
 - Pass national certification exam=ability for independent practice
 - Independence level varies by state (AANP, 2015; APRN Consensus Work Group & NCSBN APRN Advisory Committee, 2008; NCSBN, 2016)

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

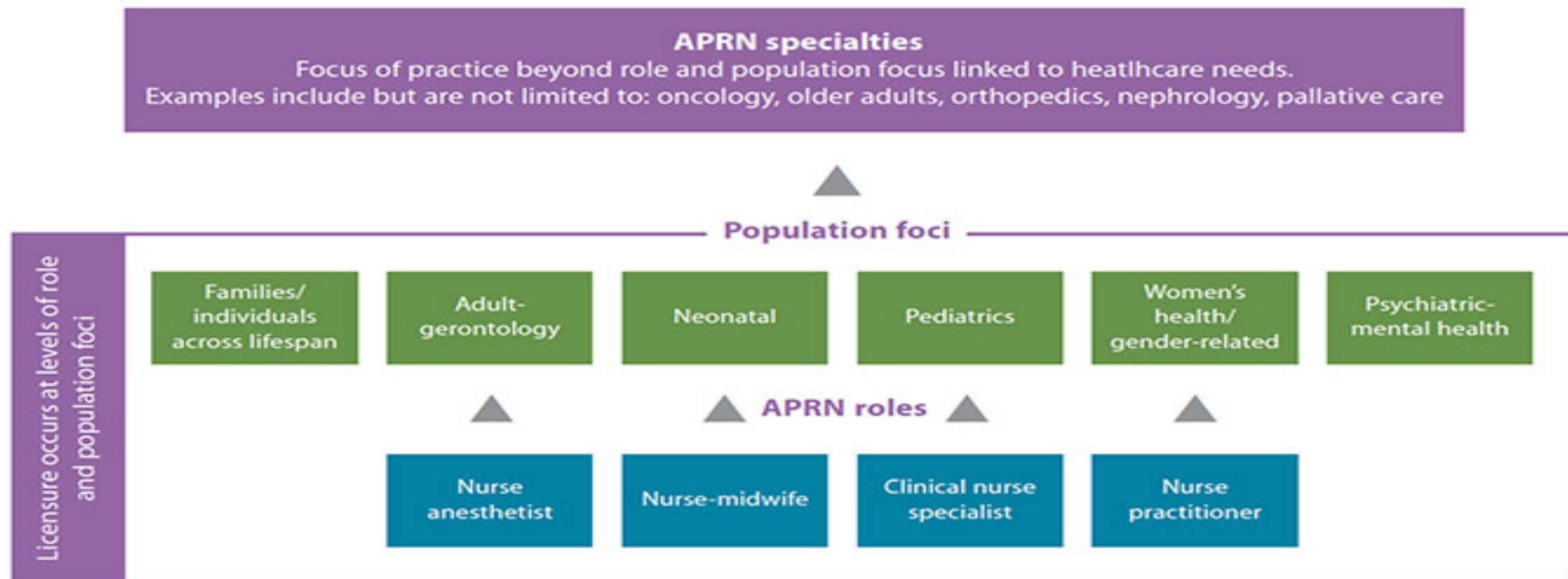
- Nurse practitioners: national certification through one of the following American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB), American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB), or National Certification Corporation (NCC).
- Clinical nurse specialists: national certification through ANCC or AACN along with ability choose between different types of certifications according to patient population focus.
- Certified nurse midwives: national certification through American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB).
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists: national certification through National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA).

Consensus Model: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (LACE).

- Developed in 2008 by the APRN Consensus Work Group and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Advisory Committee
- Collaboration among > 40 nursing organizations to address the inconsistency in APRN education, regulation, and practice which limited APRN mobility from one state to another
- Standardization of licensure, accreditation, certification, and education aimed to improve access to APRN care
- The result was the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (LACE).

What's in the APRN Consensus Model?

The Consensus Model standardizes licensure, accreditation, certification, and education and defines advanced practice RN (APRN) roles based on population foci. You can learn more about the model by reviewing the frequently asked questions page developed by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (goo.gl/dupTdd).



APRN Consensus Work Group, National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Advisory Committee. The Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education. July 7, 2008. ncsbn.org/Consensus_Model_for_APRN_Regulation_July_2008.pdf

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- Practice Authority
 - A written protocol is required between the APRN and the supervising physician. The protocol specifies medical acts delegated by the physician and provides for immediate consultation with the physician. Ga. Rules & Regs. §410-11-.14
- Prescriptive Authority
 - An APRN may prescribe Schedules III-V controlled substances if the NP is authorized to prescribe and has submitted the written protocol with the supervising physician. Ga. Rules & Regs. §410-11-.14
- Nurse Practitioner as a Primary Care Provider
 - NPs are not explicitly recognized in state policy as primary care providers.

2019 NP STATE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

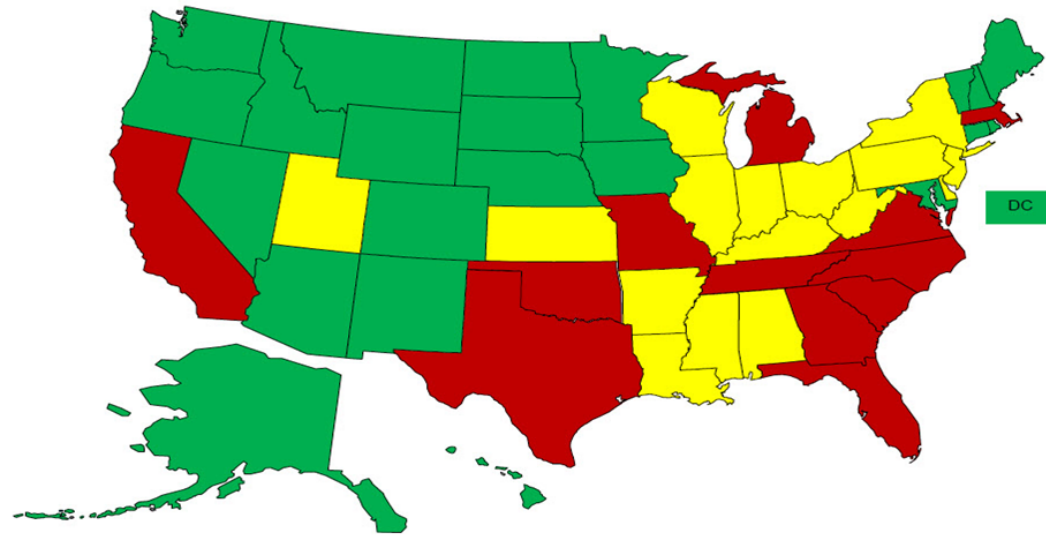


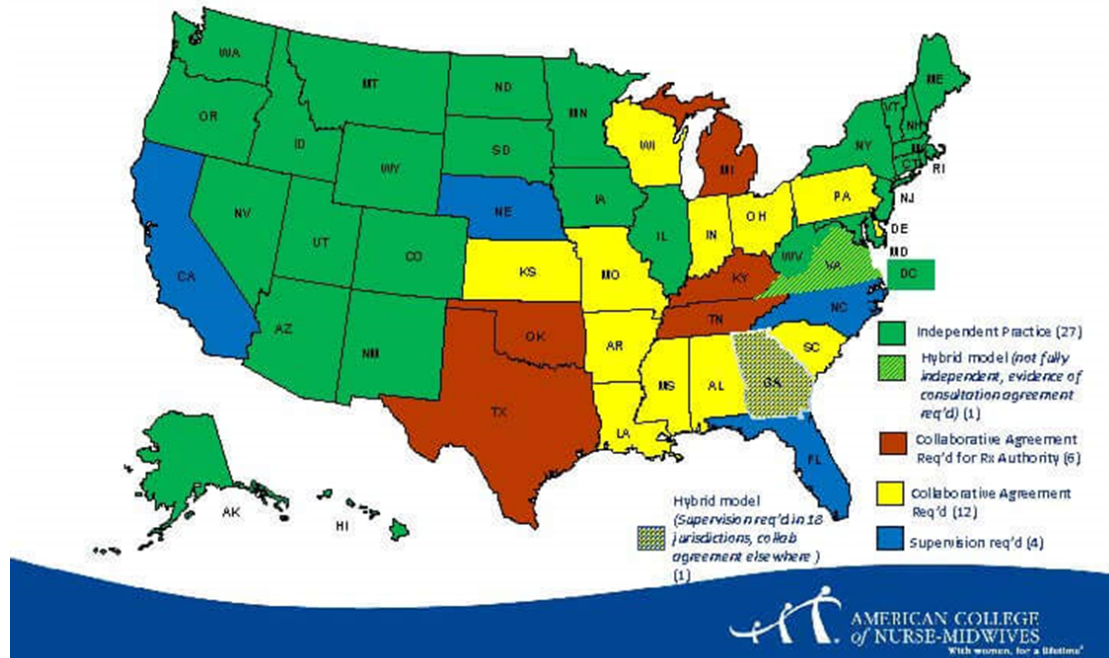
Figure 2. State Practice Environment=23 states (AANP, 2017a, 2017b)

- 22 states with full practice authority + DC (green)
- Several state & national organizations support: APRN Full Scope of Practice

- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (2017a, 2017b)
- American Nurses Association (2016)
- American Association of Retired Persons (2010)
- Federal Trade Commission (2014)
- Institute of Medicine (2010)
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (2016)
- National Governors Association (2012)
- US Department of Veterans Administration (2016)

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Quick Reference:
Practice Environments for Certified Nurse-Midwives as of June 2018

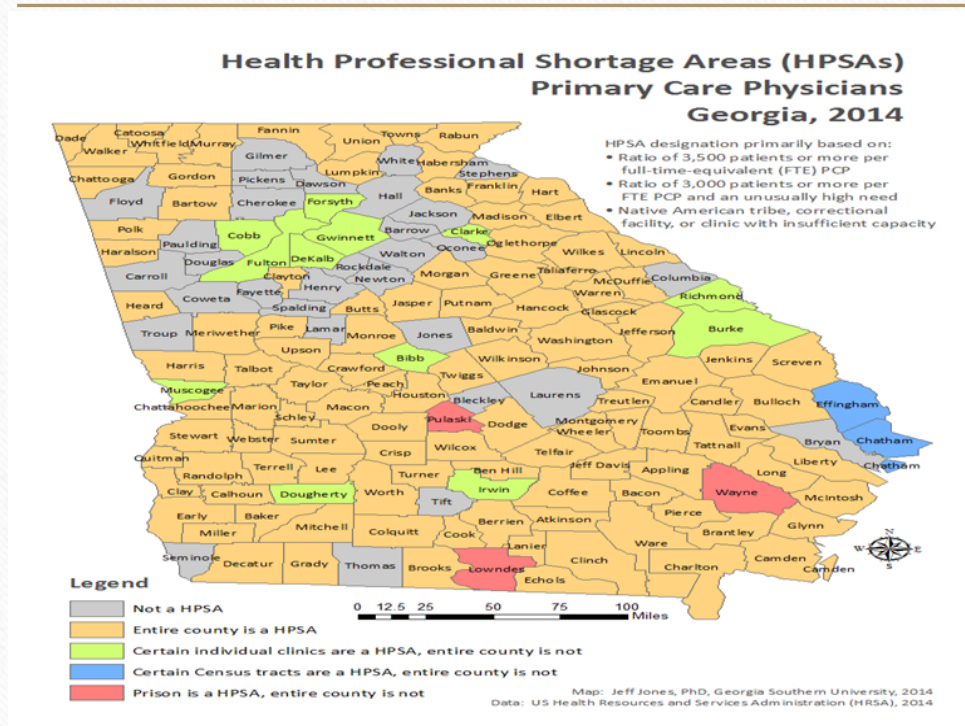


2019 CNM STATE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

- 27 States with states with full practice authority (green)
(ACNM, 2018)

GEORGIA LANDSCAPE

GEORGIA POPULATION



Population by July 2016:

- 10,310,371 = Total number of residents
- 37% = low-income
- 17% = live in poverty
- 15.7% = no health insurance < age 65
- 15% = live in areas without PCPs
- 1,318,412 = enrolled in Medicaid
 - State did NOT expand Medicaid
- 1,519,461 = enrolled Medicare
- 670,617 = veterans (Georgia Department of Community Health, 2016; Kaiser Family Foundation, 2017; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

Figure 2. HPSA PCPs; Georgia 2014 (MindingBlindspot.com, n.d.)

GEORGIA: AT A GLANCE

National: More healthcare providers needed

- Growing population Increasing older population
- Underserved areas with physician shortages (Xue et al. 2016)

Georgia (GA) issues with healthcare:

- **Access to care**
- **Rural hospital closures**
- **Physician shortage** (Clement, 2018: Senate Research Office: State of Georgia, 2007)

Georgia Perinatal Association Conference

GA Primary Care Physician (PCP) Shortage:

- Only 23,383 physicians hold active state licenses; only >11,000= PCPS (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2017; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

By 2020= GA will rank **LAST**

- Number of physicians to citizen's ratio (Senate Research Office: State of Georgia, 2007)

GA needs more healthcare providers:

- NPs: can care for 75% needed primary care services
- CNMs: can deliver babies (Senate Research Office: State of Georgia, 2007; Sullivan-Marx, 2008)

ADVOCACY FOR GEORGIA: APRNS

APRN LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS IN GA

- Prescriptive Authority Coalition
- Lessons learned
- Moving forward



2019 Legislative Priorities

- **HB - 287 PTIP**
- SB - 109/409 APRN Radiological Testing Scope Expansion
- HR 448 – House study committee on safe staffing for nurses
- SB 76 - Veterinary Nurses
- SB 106 - Patients First Act
- S.B. 207 - Georgia Board for Physician Workforce; change name; board's membership; revise

ADVOCACY AT WORK



CALL TO ACTION

- There is no fair and valid point to keep barriers in place prohibiting full practice authority for APRNs
- APRNs are a viable workforce regardless of a provider shortage, economics, politics, personal preference, or bias.
- Most importantly, citizens increasingly faced with barriers to healthcare access require and deserve quality, adequate and effective healthcare providers.



CALL TO ACTION

- APRN of the Day – Join us at the Capitol
 - APRNs working the ropes is critical for your individual senator's support
 - GET Ready to hit the ropes for the upcoming sessions
- Reach out to your representatives - It will only take about 10 minutes
 - open.states.org
 - Call, Write letters, Send emails...
- Support your organizations – WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2019-2020: Healthcare Study Committees

- HR 259 - Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee on Heat-Related Injuries, Cardiac Injuries, and Other Sports-Related Injuries
- HR 421 - Joint Study Committee on Infant and Toddler Social and Emotional Health



EMPOWRD

UAPRN Partners With Empowrd!

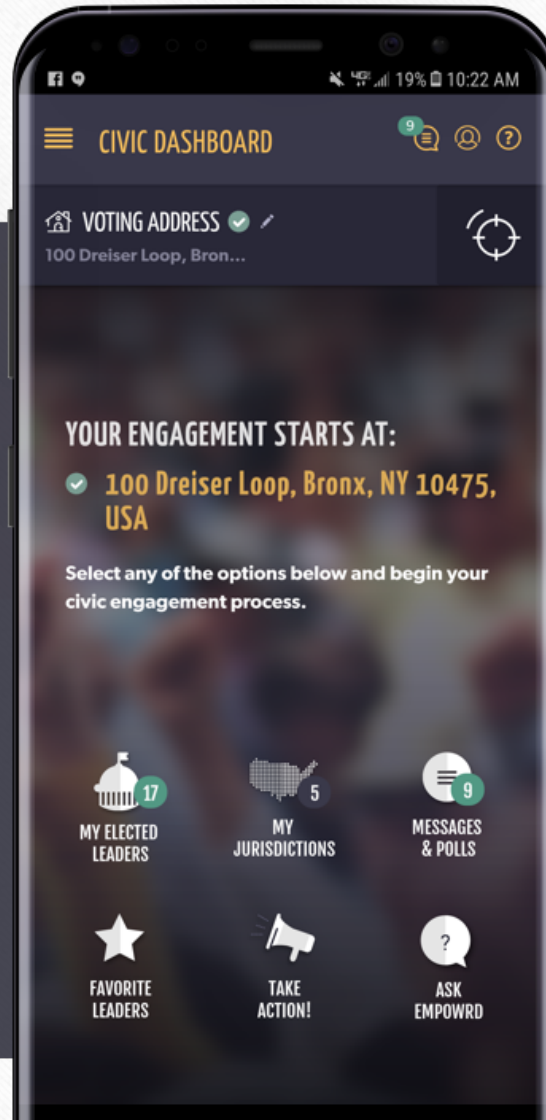
- A Political Action app that will help us utilize technology to engage our legislators with one voice.
- Will assist in streamlining “calls to action.”
- Will help us focus on local and state level initiatives.

FOR THE PEOPLE

Identify your Jurisdictions and easily engage all of your local to federal elected leaders.

Search for elected officials by name, jurisdiction, or issue (Take Action).

Monitor the term dates and election dates of elected leadership nationwide.



FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Search for vacant seats and encourage your members to run for those offices.

Easily enable your members to quickly identify and and engage their representatives nationwide.

Contact us to learn more about how we can help your organization achieve its political and civic goals.

SAMPLE VERBIAGE

- YOUR ACTION/HELP IS VITAL TO KEEPING OUR BILLS ALIVE!
- The message is simple: "Good morning, I am calling to ask that Senator XXX who serves on the Senate Rules Committee put several important nursing bills on the calendar for a vote on the Senate Floor. The bills are SB 334, SB 351, SB 434. Add relevant statistics here (focus on maternal mortality). These bills are very important to the 160,000 nurses in GA. Thank you so much" (or something similar)

MOVING FORWARD

- Educate on role of APRNs
- Communicate
- Have a presence
- Highlight practice
- Provide Solutions



HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE WITH APRN'S IN GA?

- Attend state-wide events to interact with APRNs:
 - LEAD Program (at state capitol): January-March during Active Georgia Legislative session
 - Transitions Day: Each April/May at Georgia State University
 - Monthly UAPRN Chapter Dinner Meetings
 - Attend CAPRN initiatives and state-wide meetings/calls
- 2nd Annual UAPRN & GNA Unity Conference, Atlanta, GA Oct.31-Nov. 2, 2019 at Atlanta Downtown Hilton. <http://bit.ly/NursingUnity>

HOW CAN YOU ENGAGE WITH APRN'S IN GA?



**Contact us to come speak
at your next event.**



**If an APRN, start a chapter
in another area.**



**Join and encourage your
colleagues to become
involved by joining APRN
and/or nursing professional
organizations such as:**

UAPRN of Georgia
<https://uaprn.enpnetwork.com/>



**Encourage support of
APRN issues in Georgia by
staying informed and
receiving legislative updates
from the grassroots
organization for all APRNs:**

Georgia Coalition of APRNs
www.caprn.org

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