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| **Winter 2020 Newsletter****To all of the Advance Practice Nurses in Washington State, ARNPS United would like to wish you a happy New Year and good riddance to 2020! As we start to get vaccinated, we can be hopeful for 2021, and grateful for all of the work you have done and grieve for all those we have lost. We saw progress as a profession this year, with NPs and CNSs able to order home health and supplies for Medicare and Medicaid patients. We had over 80 participants in our (virtual) annual meeting and successfully launched monthly virtual CE and networking! We continue to lobby for payment parity and are poised to have a bill hearing in the Senate during the 2021 legislative session. Make sure to** [join ARNPS United](https://auws.enpnetwork.com/page/19541-join-renew-membership) **to support our lobbying efforts and attend our upcoming CE and lobby day events in 2021.** **2021 Legislative Preview**Our Legislative Committee will again be working closely with lobbyist Devon Connor-Green to monitor and promote important legislation in the 2021 session. The session begins on January 11, 2021 and will be very different this year, as It is being conducted remotely and will have to address multiple crises related to COVID, including a significant budget deficition. Important information on 2021:* Our Legislative team is working to again introduce pay parity legislation
* Department of Health has released a COVID-19 [Draft Vaccine Distribution Plan](https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-appoints-umair-shah-md-mph-new-secretary-health).
* [Dr. Umar Shah](https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-appoints-umair-shah-md-mph-new-secretary-health) will be the next Secretary of the Department of Health with the resignation of John Weisman who assumed a faculty position at the University of North Carolina
* The legislature’s priority will be a budget that includes a 3 billion dollar deficit
* We continue to monitor the Health Care Authority’s permanent rule making process for home health and supplies, as emergency rules are still in effect and under revision.
* The Nursing Commission continues to extend emergency rules related to nursing, licensure, practice and education.

**Upcoming CE Events**At ARNPS united, we have had a very successful launch of our online CE events. Please join us for the following upcoming events.January 21st [Pre-operate Evaluation](https://auws.enpnetwork.com/nurse-practitioner-events/136095-pre-op-evaluations-the-good-the-bad-the-useable#!registration): The Good, the Bad, The UseableFebruary 10th: [VIRTUAL LOBBY DAY and Legislative Update](https://auws.enpnetwork.com/nurse-practitioner-events/136096-virtual-lobby-day-and-legislative-update#!info) March 18th: 2021 Coding & Billing Update .  |

**Telemedicine Training Requirements**

Per RCW 43.70.495, heath care providers in Washington State who incorporate telehealth services are requires to take training on telehealth no later than June 30, 2021. At our annual meeting, Dr. Joelle Fathi did a fantastic presentation on the issues, you can view the presentation slides here, [Telemedicine Training](https://s3.amazonaws.com/enp-network-assets/production/attachments/172498/original/ARNPs_United_SB_6061_Telemedicine_Training_Final_Nov_19._2020.pdf.pdf?2020). The Washington State Healthcare Professional Telemedicine collaborative, [Professional Telemedicine Training](https://nrtrc.catalog.instructure.com/courses/washington-state-healthcare-professional-telemedicine-training) offers the training as well. The Nursing Commission has issued guidance on the required training which includes the following.

* **When is completion of telemedicine training required?**

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) recommends telemedicine training be completed as soon as possible as a demonstration of competency. The licensed nurse (RN, LPN, or ARNP) providing telemedicine clinical services licensed prior to January 1, 2021 will need to complete telemedicine training by December 31, 2021. The newly licensed RN, LPN, or ARNP or the RN, LPN, or ARNP licensed through the endorsement process who provides clinical services will need to meet the requirement one year after the initial license is issued. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) recommends all Washington nurses complete the telemedicine training as a demonstration of competence as soon as practical to provide an overview of the roles, responsibilities, liability, and legal requirements for providing telehealth services.

* **Does telemedicine training taken prior to January 1, 2021 meet the telemedicine training requirement?**

Telemedicine training taken prior to January 1, 2021 meets the requirement if it includes the content defined in [RCW 43.70.495(2).](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMzAuMzI2NTg4MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2FwcC5sZWcud2EuZ292L3Jjdy9kZWZhdWx0LmFzcHg_Y2l0ZT00My43MC40OTUifQ.WRJTlkzvLzA2zKAnuFqk2NQfowy7QRc4ypjGsM41qlQ/s/718474720/br/92519205984-l__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!8kDSrL7cO-Y1AB-7wMKvdTDbWeIv604bACqZnTlOcVtDmC9h5n_B_HpHt0oBd88$) The RN must be appropriately trained and competent to provide nursing telehealth services. To learn more about the different training options available and access additional resources, please visit the [Washington State Telehealth Collaborative Training page](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Flnks.gd*2Fl*2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxNDExMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2djYzAyLnNhZmVsaW5rcy5wcm90ZWN0aW9uLm91dGxvb2suY29tLz91cmw9aHR0cHMlM0ElMkYlMkZ3d3cud3NoYS5vcmclMkZwb2xpY3ktYWR2b2NhY3klMkZpc3N1ZXMlMkZ0ZWxlbWVkaWNpbmUlMkZ3YXNoaW5ndG9uLXN0YXRlLXRlbGVtZWRpY2luZS1jb2xsYWJvcmF0aXZlJTJGdGVsZW1lZGljaW5lLXRyYWluaW5nJmRhdGE9MDQlN0MwMSU3Q0FsZWphbmRyby5MZSU0MGRvaC53YS5nb3YlN0MwZDM2MTc0OTMzMGQ0MTI5NmE3NTA4ZDhhMjFmNzlkNSU3QzExZDBlMjE3MjY0ZTQwMGE4YmEwNTdkY2MxMjdkNzJkJTdDMCU3QzAlN0M2Mzc0Mzc2MDM1MTI4ODg4NDIlN0NVbmtub3duJTdDVFdGcGJHWnNiM2Q4ZXlKV0lqb2lNQzR3TGpBd01EQWlMQ0pRSWpvaVYybHVNeklpTENKQlRpSTZJazFoYVd3aUxDSlhWQ0k2TW4wJTNEJTdDMTAwMCZzZGF0YT16VVNZazlPaVdVOGZiZjZPT1E5cnVMcFBDTDNjQUIlMkJweHlEa056YVdVJTJGRSUzRCZyZXNlcnZlZD0wIn0.sRASpk7c3Y3uSp_tdiYaMgscpRbWuO55Zr4eHrc1H5A*2Fs*2F679457645*2Fbr*2F92015143280-l&data=04*7C01*7Cdebbie.carlson*40doh.wa.gov*7C3f86356eb46f44574d9908d8a222c46e*7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d*7C0*7C0*7C637437618478744223*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C3000&sdata=zQXWYEpSsJOyze4y3*2BRgbTvkcUff4yR*2BpcjVZE73eTY*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUl!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!8kDSrL7cO-Y1AB-7wMKvdTDbWeIv604bACqZnTlOcVtDmC9h5n_B_HpHFYe8uBE$). To complete the free and publicly available telemedicine training, please go to this website: [Washington State Medical Professional Telemedicine Training](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Flnks.gd*2Fl*2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxNDExMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2djYzAyLnNhZmVsaW5rcy5wcm90ZWN0aW9uLm91dGxvb2suY29tLz91cmw9aHR0cHMlM0ElMkYlMkZucnRyYy5jYXRhbG9nLmluc3RydWN0dXJlLmNvbSUyRmNvdXJzZXMlMkZ3YXNoaW5ndG9uLXN0YXRlLWhlYWx0aGNhcmUtcHJvZmVzc2lvbmFsLXRlbGVtZWRpY2luZS10cmFpbmluZyZkYXRhPTA0JTdDMDElN0NBbGVqYW5kcm8uTGUlNDBkb2gud2EuZ292JTdDMGQzNjE3NDkzMzBkNDEyOTZhNzUwOGQ4YTIxZjc5ZDUlN0MxMWQwZTIxNzI2NGU0MDBhOGJhMDU3ZGNjMTI3ZDcyZCU3QzAlN0MwJTdDNjM3NDM3NjAzNTEyODk4Nzk3JTdDVW5rbm93biU3Q1RXRnBiR1pzYjNkOGV5SldJam9pTUM0d0xqQXdNREFpTENKUUlqb2lWMmx1TXpJaUxDSkJUaUk2SWsxaGFXd2lMQ0pYVkNJNk1uMCUzRCU3QzEwMDAmc2RhdGE9MlJFaVhkN3VpbmYlMkZHZWVDVnlqYm5ZeXpiRkFKdElJRjA2M3B0cklldGwwJTNEJnJlc2VydmVkPTAifQ.crMROcEqjmbmm3nmV7uZRguLmJTxMNKlJOR-pOz8gl4*2Fs*2F679457645*2Fbr*2F92015143280-l&data=04*7C01*7Cdebbie.carlson*40doh.wa.gov*7C3f86356eb46f44574d9908d8a222c46e*7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d*7C0*7C0*7C637437618478744223*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C3000&sdata=ZDNbygAfHboNhbHg6Gc0*2FnvJ9dPU9LluZEBg*2FPHJPCk*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUl!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!8kDSrL7cO-Y1AB-7wMKvdTDbWeIv604bACqZnTlOcVtDmC9h5n_B_HpHkj0LJy0$).

* **What are the options to meet telemedicine training requirements?**

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