



Our NPARI Government affairs committee continues to monitor bills at the State House.

**Bills of Interest:**

- Pay Equity (H 8135, S 2806)
  - Both bills still being held for further study
- Primary Care training sites (H 7486, S 2831)
  - Held for further study
- Sedation (H 7740, S3184subA)
  - There is some talk that the Senate version S 3184 sub A may be pushed on the House side – if it passes, it can go to the Governor to be signed to become law.
  - The bill, as written, seems to suggest that all elective procedures need to be done by anesthesia providers regardless of level of sedation, which would limit NP and PA ability to use mild to moderate sedation (consistent with CMS) for these types of procedures.
  - **HEARING at the DOH** – NPARI spoke to the needed changes in the current regulations, stressing to keep practices c/w CMS guidance and the full practice authority (FPA) of NPs. The committee members anticipated no changes to current practice.
  - They are now taking comments into consideration for another iteration of the regulations. Stay tuned, however, new legislation would upend the process.

**\*\* Watch for a request for letter writing and calls to House Representatives in the House HHS committee if the bill comes up for hearing, and for a potential floor vote in the House \*\***

**Fundraisers:**

- Sen Bridget Valverde – Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm
  - Ogie’s Trailer Park, 1155 Westminster St, Providence

Next Government Affairs Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (due to holiday) at 7:30 pm

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