



Through a nail-biting few days of fine-tuning language, it appears that HARI (the Hospital Association of RI) has successfully brokered an agreement with RIANA on a bill regarding sedation practices for nurses.

The language went through a number of iterations with a careful eye to protecting NP full practice authority and scope. Current practices should not change with this piece of legislation.

- It does solidify the use of general anesthetics for deep and general anesthesia for elective procedures to the practice of CRNAs, which was never contested.
- It does protect the use of medications for mild and moderate sedation by NPs, and deep sedation practices as per emergency and privileged current practices.
- It will create a timeframe for the DOH to promulgate regulations and will add a reporting of adverse events related to occurrences of unintended deep sedation that result in intubation or hospitalization.
- It will also establish a review of any impacts to access to care, workforce or operational issues, procedure delays or cancellations, and any patient safety outcomes.

Please know, that many critical eyes have been on these documents and advocacy from our organization and RIAPA and BUH have helped to ensure this result by HARI. We were pressed to come up with an agreed upon bill, and we did.

The bill will be a H7740subA to match a Senate S 3184subAA. Please see attached.

House HHS will consider the bill at 3 pm on Wednesday, room tba, so it has time to go to the floor of the House for passage.

We will keep you posted on the day-to-day advancement of this/these Bills are labeled: H7740A and S3184subAA .

All other bills we have been monitoring have not advanced out of committee.

Next Government Affairs Committee meeting: Monday, June 8th at 7:30 pm

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