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Here is a summary of our legislative priorities:

LICENSURE FOR APRN'S AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR APRN'S ADDED TO THE BOARD OF NURSING STATUTE

SB 659 & HB 1491

Sponsors: Senator Wayne Wallingford & Rep. Donna Lichtenegger

Under the act an advanced practice registered nurse is a person licensed and authorized to engage in the practice of advanced practice professional nursing, and accountable to patients and the Board of Nursing for the quality of care rendered and for consulting with or referring patients to other providers, when appropriate.

Advanced practice registered nursing is defined as the performance of advanced nursing with advanced education and specialized training, and includes the performance of certain acts specified in the act such as patient assessment, performing tests and procedures, and ordering medications in accordance with prescriptive authority.

All licensed APRNs are authorized to prescribe medication within the nurse's practice and specialty and prescribe, procure, administer, and dispense.

The act provides application requirements in order to become licensed as an APRN. Once an APRN license has been issued, the license holder's APRN license and RN license shall be treated as one license for renewal purposes. (Senate Bill 659)

REMOVING BARRIERS TO THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

SB 700 & HB 1481

Sponsors: Senator David Sater & Rep. Lyle Rowland

This bill will remove geographical restrictions required for a collaborative practice arrangement and instead requires effective electronic communication. The bill also states chart reviews may be conducted electronically.

Currently, any rules and regulations regarding collaborative practice arrangements must be jointly promulgated by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Healing Arts. This legislation would remove joint rulemaking for everything except rules regarding controlled substance prescriptive authority. All rules jointly promulgated by the state board of registration for the healing arts and the board of nursing regulating collaborative practice prior to August 28, 2014, except those relating to the authority to prescribe controlled substances, shall be null and void.

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR SCHEDULED DRUGS

Removes five-day limit on APRN prescriptive authority for Schedule III controlled substances and authorizes prescriptive authority for Schedule II controlled substances.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ACT

Sponsors: Representative Kevin Engler

Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish and maintain a program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedule II through Schedule IV controlled substances by all licensed professionals who prescribe or dispense these substances in Missouri. (House Bill 1133)

MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION LEGISLATION

Sponsors: Senator Paul LeVota

Beginning January 1, 2015, this act extends benefits under the MO HealthNet program to persons aged 19 or older, but younger than 65, who are not otherwise eligible for MO HealthNet services, who qualify for MO HealthNet services under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010, and who have income at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level plus 5 percent of the applicable family size. (Senate Bill 661)

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