ANNA’s Federal Legislative Agenda
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Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Appropriations Requests

The Nursing Workforce Development Programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration are instrumental in bolstering and sustaining the nation’s diverse nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of nursing workforce demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected that, by 2029, demand for RNs would increase 7%, illustrating an employment change of 221,900 nurses. ANNA supports the Nursing Community’s request of $530 million in FY 2022 funding for HRSA’s Nursing Workforce Development Programs.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) mission is to conduct and support medical research, research training, and to disseminate science-based information on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, along with population health research to improve people’s health and quality of life. ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK request $2.289 billion in FY 2022.

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) focuses their research on reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end of life care, and promoting patient-centered care across the life continuum. Nurse researchers and scientists are essential to the development of new evidence-based practices to care for all patients. They will be able to continue their vital work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery through increased investments in NINR. ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition’s request of $193 million for NINR in FY 2022.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality funds the research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ’s research helps ensure the pipeline of new medical findings reaches health care providers and provides them with the tools and training they need to utilize these findings in everyday care for patients. ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of no less than $500 million in funding for the AHRQ in FY 2022.

KidneyX, is a public-private partnership to accelerate innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney diseases. Since its establishment in 2018, KidneyX has provided funding to nearly 50 innovators across three prize competitions for solutions ranging from implantable dialysis devices to new technologies that can exponentially decrease infections during dialysis. ANNA supports the kidney community’s request of $25 million in funding for KidneyX in FY 2022.

Authorizing Legislation
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The Living Donor Protection Act (H.R. 1255 and S. 377) removes barriers to living organ donation by prohibiting certain discriminations in insurance, and codifying protection for living donors under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). ANNA joins with a broad group of national stakeholders in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the legislation.

The Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act (H.R. 851 and S. 246) authorizes grants to support schools of nursing with program enhancement and infrastructure modernization, increasing the number of nursing faculty and students. ANNA joins with the Nursing Community Coalition in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.

United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2568 and S. 1220) recognizes the service of nearly 120,000 nurses who were members of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and honorably served in military and Veterans Administration hospitals during World War II. ANNA joins with Nursing Community Coalition in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.

The Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 1195) requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to address workplace violence in health care, social service, and other sectors. Specifically, the Agency must issue an interim occupational safety and health standard that requires certain employers to take actions to protect workers and other personnel from workplace violence. The House of Representatives passed the bill in April 2021. ANNA urges the United States Senate to take action on the bill.

The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act (H.R. 4065 and S. 1971) would improve the understanding of, and promote access to the treatment of chronic kidney disease by expand kidney disease awareness, and education. The bill would increase access to the ESRD Kidney Disease Education benefit, require a report to Congress on the barriers to kidney transplants, and redefine the ERSD payment system to improve accuracy and develop a sustainable pathway to incentivize innovation and reform quality measures used in the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP). ANNA joins with Kidney Care Partners in encouraging Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act (H.R. 959 and S. 346) is composed of 12 individual bills and builds on existing legislation to address key dimensions of the maternal health crisis in America. ANNA joins with the Nursing Community Coalition in encouraging Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.

Primary and Behavioral Health Care Access Act (H.R. 3550) would require group health plans and health insurance to provide three primary care visits and three behavioral health care visits without any out of pocket costs. ANNA joins with other leading health care organizations in encouraging Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.