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LEGISLATIVE A • N • D PUBLIC POLICY *Agenda*



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Mission Statement :

The mission of the Iowa Nurses Association is to connect, support and advocate for nurses and healthcare in Iowa.

The Iowa Nurses Association is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association.

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**Iowa Nurses Association
2018 Public Policy Priorities**

The Iowa Nurses Association will monitor and support legislation that safeguards the healthcare of Iowans and supports the practice of nursing allowing nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and licensure. INA will track and monitor legislation that impacts the healthcare of children, older adults, and women; along with public health, nurse and patient safety.

1. Accessing Mental Health Services and Supports that include:

- Offering a full array of affordable, accessible treatment options including recovery-oriented systems for prevention, early intervention and treatment.
- Increasing the number of mental health treatment beds across the state.
- Increasing nurse providers through loan repayment and educational funding.
- Supporting reimbursement parity for mental health treatment.

2. Responding to the Opioid Substance Use Disorder Crisis by providing:

- Funding treatment and education/prevention measures.
- Expanding access to naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal drug with Good Samaritan protections.
- Removing barriers that limit non-physician providers to prescribe buprenorphine medication assisted treatment.
- Increasing effective provider use of prescription drug monitoring programs with across state border collaboration.
- Expanding drug take back and needle safety programs.
- Creating pretrial diversion options, including drug courts that assist those with substance abuse issues to obtain treatment in lieu of incarceration.

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3. Support Efforts to Strengthen the Nursing Workforce by:

- Recognizing and addressing the impending nursing shortage.
- Increasing nursing workforce funding and loan repayment.
- Increasing the number of nursing faculty through loan repayment and educational funding.
- Increasing the number of nurses with higher education as recommended by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Future of Nursing report.
- Maintaining full practice authority for Advanced Practice Nurses.

4. Support Efforts to Ensure Quality Healthcare Services to Medicaid Recipients:

- Support oversight of Medicaid contractors to insure quality healthcare for this vulnerable population.
- Advocate for mutually collaborative relationships between Medicaid contractors and service providers that includes responsiveness to patient needs, flexible services and fair reimbursement practices.

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