



How you can Support Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses at the Federal Level

Hospice and palliative care nurses provide essential, highly specialized care to patients facing serious illness.

As our healthcare system faces unprecedented strain, we urge you to support policies that protect, sustain, and expand this vital nursing workforce:



Fund Nursing Education and Essential Research

Support robust funding for Title VIII Nursing Education and Workforce Programs, the National Institute of Nursing Research, and dedicated palliative care research in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027.

Modernize the Advanced Practice Nursing Workforce

Cosponsor the Improving Care and Access to Nurses (ICAN) Act (S. 575/H.R.1317), which removes outdated regulatory barriers by allowing nurse practitioners—in states where they are legally authorized—to certify terminal illness, significantly reducing delays in vital end-of-life care.

Secure Long-Term Workforce Pipeline Investments

Cosponsor the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3593/S.1874) to ensure that community clinics and hospice providers can train and retain next-generation specialists.

Protect Clinicians from Workplace Violence

Cosponsor the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 2531/S.1232), which directs the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to finalize and enforce strict workplace violence prevention standards, requiring health care employers to implement customized safety plans to protect frontline providers.

Reform and Secure Hospice Care Accessibility

Cosponsor the Hospice Care Accountability, Reform, and Enforcement (CARE) Act (H.R. 7966/S. 4118), which strengthens the hospice framework through targeted payment reforms and program integrity measures, while authorizing qualified nurse practitioners to independently certify terminal illness to streamline patient care.

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