

INPS/IANP 2018 Legislative Report

The second session of the 87th General Assembly came to a close on Saturday, May 5th. The Senate adjourned at 5:11 p.m., followed by the House at 5:25 p.m.

The legislature passed 174 bills in 2018, 2 more than passed in 2017. Governor Reynolds signed all strictly policy bills that the legislature passed.

NPs registered on 80 bills in 2018, seven more than in 2017. We supported 44, opposed 2, and were undecided on 34 bills. Some of those bills were companion bills, meaning the same bills were introduced in both the House and Senate. Also, many bills start out as study bills and get a new number when they pass out of committee.

Board of Nursing Has Bill Pass

[SF 2203](#) is a new law authorizing the Board of Nursing to issue a limited nursing authorization to a nurse in order to complete the clinical component of a nurse refresher course. The legislature correctly viewed this idea as a good way to assist nurses to come back to the profession after some time away. The board shall determine the length of time a limited nursing authorization shall remain effective. Governor Reynolds signed SF 2203 on April 10th, after the bill passed both the House and Senate without a dissenting vote.

Additional Bills That NPs Supported Which Passed

[HF 2456](#) (signed on 3/29/18)

A bill for an act relating to behavioral health, including provisions relating to involuntary commitments and hospitalizations, the disclosure of mental health information to law enforcement professionals, and mental health and disability services. (Formerly HF 2327.) Effective 7-1-18.

[HF 2305](#) (signed on 3/29/18)

A bill for an act relating to insurance coverage for health care services delivered by telehealth, and including applicability provisions. (Formerly HSB 572.) Effective 7-1-18.

[HF 2309](#) (signed on 3/28/18)

A bill for an act relating to reimbursement for dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries receiving the Medicare hospice benefit in a nursing facility. (Formerly HF 2156.) Effective 7-1-18.

[HF 2442](#) (signed on 4/26/18)

A bill for an act providing for brain injury policies for certain extracurricular interscholastic activities, and including applicability provisions. (Formerly HF 2006.) Effective 7-1-18.

Bills NPs Supported, But Didn't Pass

[HF 2032](#)

A bill for an act relating to subacute mental health care facilities and the psychiatric bed tracking system.

[HF 2092](#)

A bill for an act requiring minors to wear helmets while riding motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and all-terrain vehicles, and providing penalties.

[HF 2104](#)

A bill for an act relating to the termination of Medicaid managed care contracts, and including effective date provisions.

[HF 2142](#)

A bill for an act relating to the provision of integrated health homes for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness under Medicaid managed care, and including effective date provisions.

[HF 2353](#)

A bill for an act establishing an interim study committee relating to child welfare. (Formerly HSB 635.)

[HF 2339](#)

A bill for an act relating to cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products, including taxation of such products.

[HF 2244](#)

A bill for an act relating to the Medicaid program, including long-term services and supports, integrated health homes, capitation and reimbursement rates, and oversight, and including effective date provisions.

[HF 2205](#)

A bill for an act relating to the use of step therapy protocols, including step therapy override protocols, under the Medicaid program.

[SF 2055](#)

A bill for an act relating to the provision of integrated health homes for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness under Medicaid managed care, and including effective date provisions.

[SF 2058](#)

A bill for an act relating to the termination of Medicaid managed care contracts, and including effective date provisions.

[SF 2070](#)

A bill for an act establishing a home modification grant program and making appropriations.

[SF 2075](#)

A bill for an act relating to the three-month retroactive Medicaid coverage benefit, and including effective date provisions.

[SF 2083](#)

A bill for an act relating to reimbursement of in-network and out-of-network providers under Medicaid managed care.

[SF 2094](#)

A bill for an act relating to the use of child restraint systems in motor vehicles, and making penalties applicable.

[SF 2111](#)

A bill for an act requiring minors to wear helmets while riding motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and all-terrain vehicles, and providing penalties.

[SF 2112](#)

A bill for an act relating to a hawk-i program purchase option, and including effective date and contingent implementation provisions.

[SF 2150](#)

A bill for an act relating to services provided to the long-term services and supports populations under the Medicaid program, including case management and needs assessments, and including effective date provisions.

[SF 2207](#)

A bill for an act relating to the administration and evaluation of health homes for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness and for persons with chronic conditions under Medicaid managed care, and including effective date provisions.

[SF 2312](#)

A bill for an act relating to the electronic prescribing of prescription drugs including controlled substances, making penalties applicable, and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 3074.)

[SF 2284](#)

A bill for an act relating to the provision of health home services under Medicaid managed care, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SF 2092.)

[SF 2350](#)

A bill for an act relating to educational assistance programs administered by the college student aid commission for certain nurses, physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, doctors of nursing practice, and nurse educators. (Formerly SSB 3168.)

[SF 2351](#)

A bill for an act relating to mental health and mental health and disability services and funding. (Formerly SF 2252.)

[SF 2252](#)

A bill for an act relating to mental health and disability services and funding. (See SF 2351.)

[SSB 3124](#)

A bill for an act relating to primary care providers under Medicaid managed care.

[SSB 3003](#)

A bill for an act relating to continuity of care and nonmedical switching by health carriers, health benefit plans, and utilization review organizations, and including applicability provisions.

[SSB 3031](#)

A bill for an act relating to the issuance of an annual prescribing practitioner activity report to prescribing practitioners.

2019 Legislative Session

The first session of the 88th General Assembly will convene on Monday, January 14th 2019. It will be a longer session with expenses being paid for 110 calendar days. There will be many new legislators because of retirements and the fact that there will be an election in November. There will be a need to make sure that new legislators become aware of the increasingly important role played by nurse practitioners in the health care arena.