



ANNA Join with the Nursing Community Coalition in Supporting the *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728 and S. 1399)*

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization with a membership of over 8,500 registered nurses and other health care professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

Recommendation: ANNA urges Members of Congress to cosponsor the *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728 and S. 1399)*.

Overview of the *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act*

The *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (HR. 728 and S. 1399)* reauthorizes these important programs through Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. These programs represent a critical investment in the future of the nursing profession as it continues to provide our nation's patients with high-quality health care services. In addition, the bill takes the following steps to improve the Title VIII programs:

- **Recognizes All Four APRN Roles:** The Title VIII statute is amended in two places to include Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs), thus creating equity among the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) roles. Historically, only three (nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse-midwives) of the four APRN roles have been delineated in the Title VIII statute.
- **Includes Clinical Nurse Leaders:** The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) evaluates patient outcomes, assesses cohort risk, and has the decision-making authority to change care plans when necessary. The bill amends the statute to include CNLs, which allows for parity with the other master's degree programs that can apply for the Title VIII Advanced Education Nursing program.
- **Defines Nurse-Managed Health Clinics:** Nurse-Managed Health Clinics (NMHCs) are effective in providing individualized care that includes health promotion, disease prevention and early detection, health teaching, management of chronic conditions, treatment of acute illnesses, and counseling. NMHCs, run by nurse practitioners, traditionally focus on populations underserved by the larger health care system and are learning environments for health care providers. The statute is amended to include a NMHC definition, making them an eligible entity within Title VIII.