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Patient Safety is the Goal

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QUALIFIED LICENSED NURSES = SAFETY

- That protection of the public comes in the form of reasonable laws to regulate occupations such as nursing. Consequently, in efforts to cut costs, attempts to lower standards in education, scope of practice, and amend the discipline of health professionals i.e. nurses.
- Delegation of medication administration, a complex nursing activity, to non-nurses has revealed in multiple studies - the result in medication errors in long term care.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020748921002637>

DE-REGULATION OF NURSING CONTINUES TO ERODE PUBLIC SAFETY LIKE - SB 1779 MEDICATION AIDES

Untested models of nursing care with the sole purpose to cut labor costs continue to be brought to the Illinois General Assembly.

The Purpose of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act is to ensure that those who practice nursing are educated and licensed to do so. Those performing nursing interventions such as medication administration must be licensed nurses!

OPPOSE SB 1779

LICENSED MEDICATION AIDE

This was a "Pilot" PA 098-0990 that failed in 2019.

Only 4 participants were in the 3-year Licensed Medication Aide Pilot. RESULTS: produced no evidence of its safety. Unqualified persons replacing licensed nurses to administer medications is NOT the answer.

Illinois state nursing associations OPPOSE SB 1779!

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES NURSING ASSESSMENT...

Administration of Medication is complex

Five Rights to Medication Administration

- Right Patient
- Right Drug
- Right Route
- Right Time
- Right Dose

This process of 5 Rights is completed by a licensed nurse every time a nurse administers medications with a patient assessment. Non-nurses do not possess nursing knowledge that includes pharmacology and medical conditions education.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK560654/>

System-related causes of medication administration errors may include inadequate training, distractors, convoluted processes, and system misconfiguration.

<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/primer/medication-administration-errors>

Need for higher minimum staffing standards in U. S. Nursing Homes = the remedy

A 2014 Inspector General (OIG) study found that 33 percent of Medicare nursing home residents experienced adverse events resulting in harm or death during the first 35 days of a post-acute skilled nursing stay and 37 percent were related to medications. Substandard treatment, inadequate monitoring, or failures and delays in treatment resulted in adverse events that caused harm or jeopardy or re-hospitalization of almost 60 percent of residents, costing Medicare \$2.8 billion.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4833431/>