

# SUPPORT Senate Bill 1990

## NURSE PRACTICE ACT (NPA) “laypeople” not qualified to do *nursing interventions*

**Why** the radical 2017 NPA changes in registered nurse delegating “nursing interventions” to unlicensed persons in the Community setting – an untested delivery model of care was never appropriate by national standards of Nursing Intervention Classification (NIC) or within the “*Legislative Purpose*” of our existing Illinois nursing law – Because laypersons are not qualified to perform *nursing interventions*! National Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC) is clear on who performs nursing interventions. It is the nurse. Nurses are prohibited to delegate nursing clinical judgment away to non-nurses, as stated in 2017 NPA! Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC), 7th Edition provides a research-based clinical tool to help nurses choose appropriate interventions. It standardizes and defines the knowledge base for nursing practice as it communicates the nature of nursing.  
<https://nursing.uiowa.edu/cncce/nursing-interventions-classification-overview>

**Nurses are qualified (educated) and authorized (licensed).  
Laypersons are neither. There is NO EVIDENCE that supports laypersons performing nursing interventions unsupervised.**

**Nurses have safely delegated appropriate “work” not requiring nursing knowledge to laypersons – for years including the Community setting! When patients require skills of a nurse: FOLLOW the *Legislative Purpose*. FOLLOW evidence. FOLLOW the law.**

Support SB 1990: the REMEDY TO RESTORE SAFETY in the NPA with concise delegation language:

- Restore “task” defining work not requiring clinical nursing judgment or knowledge – work registered nurses can safely delegate to unlicensed non-nurses (lay people).
- Remove the language allowing RN delegation of nursing interventions to unqualified lay persons in Community setting UNSUPERVISED, including medication administration.
  - There is no evidence in Illinois that supports safety in RNs delegating nursing interventions (i.e., Medication administration) to unlicensed non-nurses (laypersons). In fact, a failing PA 098-0990 Licensed Medication Aide Pilot (that minimally trained non-nurses were safe to administer medications in nursing homes) was NEVER communicated to legislators when the new 2017 delegation language was being proposed by ANA-Illinois lobbyists. The 3-year Pilot of PA 098-0990 contained 4 participants yielding in NO statistical data.

2017 Nurse Practice Act

Sec. 50-10. Definitions.

"Nursing intervention" means any treatment based on clinical nursing judgment or knowledge that a nurse performs."

"**Legislative Purpose:** Sec. 50-5. **Legislative purpose.** The practice of professional and practical nursing in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of nursing, as defined in this Act, merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be authorized to so practice in the State of Illinois. This Act shall be liberally construed to best carry out these subjects and purposes."

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=1312&ChapterID=24>



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