The Nebraska Action Coalition (NAC) is a statewide partnership of professional nursing associations, local businesses, and consumer stakeholders committed to transforming health care. NAC is part of the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a nationwide movement to improve health and health care through nursing. The Campaign, an initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, includes 51 Action Coalitions working to implement the recommendations from the landmark Institute of Medicine (IOM) report: The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

Our mission is to improve health care access, quality, and cost-effectiveness in a manner that embraces and reflects diversity in Nebraska through collaborative partnerships with consumers, providers, policymakers, and businesses.

Our state is facing real challenges providing accessible, quality health care. For example:

- 21% of Nebraskans will be older than 65 years by 2030, increasing the demand for chronic care and the need for RNs.
- Already, 65% of Nebraska counties are shortage areas for primary care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants).
- RNs play a primary role in quality hospital care and comprise the majority of staff; yet, only 6% of Nebraska RNs serve on hospital boards where essential decisions about quality care are made.
- 18% of our population is non-White, but non-Whites represent fewer than 5% of Nebraska RNs

Nebraska Action Coalition is addressing these challenges and meeting IOM goals. Some NAC activities include:

- Implementing a statewide initiative with all schools of nursing to streamline RN to BSN education and achieve 80% BSN by 2020.
- Supporting removal of practice barriers for Nebraska nurse practitioners to ensure accessible primary care across the state.
- Leading statewide efforts to diversify the RN workforce in Nebraska and provide affordable, accessible health care for our increasingly diverse population.
- Promoting nurse leadership on community and health care boards to ensure quality care.
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