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Legislative Activity in the States

State legislatures are increasingly turning to APRNs to improve access to high-quality care and reduce health care costs in their states. Below are some of the states considering favorable legislation in 2018:

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| • Alabama | • North Carolina |
| • Arkansas | • Oklahoma |
| • Florida | • Pennsylvania |
| • Georgia | • South Carolina |
| • Kentucky | • Virginia |
| • Mississippi | • West Virginia |
| • Missouri | • Wisconsin |

Federal Activity

On December 13, 2016, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) ruled that three of the four types of APRNs would be allowed to practice to the full extent of their education and training in VA facilities, regardless of state laws. Certified registered nurse anesthetists were not included, but the VA has said it will continue to examine evidence for their inclusion.

How We Can Help You and How to Contact Us

Looking to get involved? AARP staff members at the Center to Champion Nursing in America are happy to connect you with the organizations in your state, like the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* Action Coalition or AARP state office that is working to remove barriers to APRN practice and care. We can also provide guidance, talking points, and assistance with letters of support, opinion pieces, and testimony. Here’s how to contact us:

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