

5. PAYING FOR NURSING CARE

5.4 Create a National Nurse Identifier to facilitate recognition and measurement of the value of services provided by RNs.

1. Key Strategic Stakeholders

Nursing Organizations

All, including national, state, and local. Alliance for Nursing Informatics; National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN); state boards of nursing

Federal Government

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Others

American's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Employers; Insurance companies; Labor organizations, Vendors

2. Top 3-5 Actions for 2021

- A. Clarify the rationale for the NCSBN identification vs. CMS National Provider Identifier (NPI) number – and/or using both.
- B. Understand security issues of integrating a private system of ID into a public system, and the implications of access to licensure information by anyone with access.
- C. Review status/results/findings of Alliance for Nursing Informatics pilot programs, (e.g. HCA), and understand rationale.

3. Top 3-5 Actions for 2022

- A. To understand the national nursing organizations' current positions on the NPI, convene a meeting designed to get a consensus regarding approach. (NB: ensure community-based care is represented, at the table, e.g. school nurses, public health nurses.)
- B. Based on consensus approach in A, convene a meeting with other stakeholders (CMS, NCSBN, AHIP) to achieve consensus.
- C. Education of stakeholders, leaders about pros and cons of each option.

4. Success Indicators

- Have reached decision on NCSBN ID vs. CMS NPI number.
- Begin to execute implementation based on that decision.
- Develop and execute an education campaign for students and nurses