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NNA & HEALTHCARE REFORM

The Nevada Nurses Association has been asked to speak about our thoughts and concerns in response to Healthcare Reform.

First, NNA believes that Healthcare Reform should not be viewed as a “political” issue but rather an issue that will affect all citizens, regardless of their political party. NNA does not sponsor political candidates and we are a collective mix of all party affiliations. As Patient Advocates, Nevada Nurses are most concerned with improving the healthcare system for all citizens, including those in our local communities and rural areas throughout Nevada.

We recognize that the proposition for Healthcare Reform has stirred up massive debate throughout the country on what the best way to proceed may be. Many of us have strong opinions and while we may be able to agree to disagree, we cannot afford to remain silent.

NNA encourages all Nevada Nurses and Nevada Citizens to stay informed and reach out to your Local and State Representatives to express your particular concerns with respect to Healthcare, whatever your concerns may be.

In general, we are hopeful that the Healthcare Reform Bill will improve the healthcare delivery system by improving quality and access to healthcare. NNA believes one important way to achieve this goal is to include programs which fully utilize and reimburse Advanced Practice Registered Nurses for healthcare services.

The American Nurses Association is heavily involved in Healthcare Reform ensuring that Nurses are “at the table” for all major discussions at the national level. Our local legislators continue to reach out to the Nevada Nurses Association to seek our input and discuss concerns for our members and our patients. The most important thing is for everyone to GET INVOLVED!!! Healthcare Reform will happen with or without your input.