



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists supports public policy initiatives that:

- A. Increase access to affordable, safe, quality health care for all;
- B. Enhance and promote the unique, high value contribution of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) to the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups, and communities;
- C. Promote the advancement of the practice of nursing; and
- D. Enhance the nursing practice work environment to increase the culture of safety and quality.

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists advocates for initiatives that support:

- * Autonomous practice in the nursing domain
- * Title protection for Clinical Nurse Specialists in all 50 states and territories
- * National database of all CNSs
- * Continued affirmation of entry level CNS nursing education at the graduate level with a focus on preparation of CNSs
- * Standards for integration of CNS core competencies into all CNS curricula
- * Recognition of essential CNS competencies in educational preparation of a CNS as required for the core certification or portfolio development to demonstrate excellence in practice and / or eligibility for specialty certification if applicable.
- * Use of a core certification examination or portfolio to demonstrate CNS competencies for excellence in CNS practice
- * Optional prescriptive authority privileges for CNSs
- * Optional specialty certification if available
- * CNS representation on national and state regulatory committees
- * Increased funding targeted for CNS programs and faculty development

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists advocates for removal of barriers to practice, such as:

- * National acceptance and support of NACNS model language for CNS regulation
- * National acceptance and support of NACNS core competencies
- * Obtain and preserve Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement for CNSs
- * Obtain and preserve authority to prescribe durable medical equipment by CNSs

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