

NURSING MEASURES IN THE WORKS

Advanced-practice nurses, including nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives, are likely to push for legislation on a variety of scope-of-practice issues this year.

Scope of practice categories

- State is considering measure or expects to have proposal introduced
- I Independent practice or establishment of an independent licensing board
- Rx Prescribing authority, such as independent prescribing rights or prescribing of controlled substances
- \$ Direct reimbursement from commercial insurers, Medicaid or Medicare
- O Other scope areas, such as authority to certify death, supervise fluoroscopic x-ray systems, provide pain management, or commit patients for treatment of mental illness or substance abuse

