

2007

- MONA **supports** the ability of advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) to prescribe controlled substances
- MONA **opposes** legislations and/or regulation that reduces patient access to health care and prescription medications
- MONA **supports** out-of-hospital due not resuscitate legislation
- MONA **supports** amending the Nurse Loan Repayment Program to include employment at for-profit facilities in eligibility criteria

2006

- Introduced legislation expanding APRN prescriptive authority to include schedule II-V controlled substances
- Successfully **opposed** a proposed joint rule enacting further restrictions and combining APRN collaboration & physician assistant (PA) supervision
- Successfully lobbied for revisions to the MO Student Nurse Loan Repayment Program
- Successfully lobbied for a sunset date extension for Technical Advisory Committee on Quality of Patient Care & Nursing Practices
- Successfully lobbied for APRN authority to certify handicapped placard eligibility for patients
- Successfully lobbied for APRN authority to prescribe pseudoephedrine products
- Successfully **opposed** adoption of the interstate compact for multi-state licensure

2005

- Introduced legislation expanding APRN prescriptive authority to include Schedule II-V controlled substances
- Successfully **opposed** adoption of the interstate compact for multi-state licensure
- Participated in developing hospital licensure rules limiting the use of mandatory overtime as a staffing tool.

- Lobbied for expungement of certain records in select circumstances following Missouri State Board of Nursing complaint investigations
- Lobbied to require health plans to cover all services provided by registered nurse first assistants (RNFAs) and to require the Board of Nursing to determine which specialty nursing organization certification will be recognized for RNs seeking RNFA titling, allowing those practicing as independent contractors to achieve direct reimbursement

2004

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2003

- Lobbied for safer staffing through prohibition of mandatory overtime in hospital settings
- Lobbied in **opposition** to the interstate compact for multi-state licensure
- Lobbied to require health plans to cover all services provided by registered nurses first assistants (RNFAs) and to require the Board of Nursing to determine which specialty nursing organization certification be recognized for RNs seeking RNFA titling, allowing those practicing as independent contractor to achieve direct reimbursement
- Began participation in the Technical Advisory Committee on Quality Patient Care & Nursing Practices addressing:
 - Establishment of training requirements for unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)
 - Development of regulations for prohibiting mandatory overtime;
 - Analysis of the need for a statewide nursing center to address future nursing workforce needs
- Lobbied in **opposition** to efforts to required for APRNs
- Lobbied in **opposition** to anesthesia assistant (AA) legislation
- Successfully **opposed** adoption of the interstate compact for multi-state licensure

2002

- Lobbied for requirements that all hospitals utilize a reliable and valid acuity method for determining safe & effective nurse staffing levels, including limiting the number of hours nurses can work in efforts to reduce the number of fatigue-related errors and strengthening current whistleblower protections;
- Lobbied to require health plans to cover all services provided by registered nurse first assistants (RNFAs) and to require the Board of Nursing to determine which specialty nursing organization certification be recognized for RNs seeking RNFA titling, allowing those practicing as independent contractors to achieve direct reimbursement
- Lobbied in **support** of APRN authority to order physical therapy services within the context of a collaborative practice agreement
- Instrumental in negotiating protection of the Board of Nursing from having funds swept from the licensure fee-based fund to general revenue, resulting in “double taxation” for nurses licensed and residing in Missouri
- Successfully **opposed** adoption of the interstate compact for multi-state licensure
- Lobbied in **support** of increased nurse staffing in long term care settings

2001

- Negotiated a Statement of Clarification of Licensed Paramedic Scope of Practice clearly delineating in the event an EMT/P provides care within non-emergency medical settings, they do so as an unlicensed assistive personnel
- Successfully **opposed** adoption of the interstate compact for multi-state licensure

2000

- Developed legislation and successfully lobbied for whistleblower protections, creation of the Technical Advisory Committee on Quality Patient Care & Nursing Services, and a mandate to develop uniform UAP training requirements
- Successfully lobbied for requirements to use of safe needle devices for public (state) entities not subject to federal requirements
- Promoted Patients Bill of Rights legislation, including participation in announcement and press conference with President Clinton
- Presented a legal opinion to the Board of Nursing that supporting the Board’s position that “finger sticks” were a nursing assessment and did not require a physician’s order to perform

1999

- Worked with Representatives Joan Barry and Steve Gaw (Speaker of the House) to establish the Interim Committee on Quality of Patient Care and Nursing Services, charged with examining nurses' concerns about the quality of nursing care being provided in hospitals throughout Missouri
- Successfully **opposed** legislation that would have published detailed information about licensed nurses including names, addresses, and employment history
- Successfully lobbied for language requiring all health insurers, health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and non-profit health service plans to reimburse ARPNs within a claim for services within the scope of practice of the APRN
- Supported the Federal Patient Safety Act requiring public disclosure of the number of RNs and LPNs providing direct patient care, average number of patients per RN, patient mortality rates, and the methods utilized to determine staffing

1998

- Successfully lobbied to require license & credentials be prominently displayed on all hospital employees' name badges ensuring patients ability to easily recognize who is providing their care
- Testified before the State Interim Legislative Committee on Managed Care on the need for patient safeguards in managed care plans
- Supported reimbursement for Registered Nurse First Assistants (RNFA)

1996

- Successfully lobbied for expansion of the Missouri Medicaid Program
- Promoted the "Every Missouri Patient Deserves an RN" campaign

1993

- Successfully lobbied for legal recognition of APRNs and the authority to write prescriptions in collaboration with a physician

1988

- Filed an amicus brief with the Missouri Supreme Court (*Sermchief v. Gonzales*), upholding the evolution of nursing practice in the context of the Nurse Practice Act

1976

- Organized the first override in 112 years of the Governor's veto related to the Nurse Practice Act