

**Colorado Trauma Network Inc.**

# **Legislative Sub- Committee**

Date & Time: February 10, 2020

1400



# CTN Request-Annual Goals

- Ask: Come up with our tangible actionable goals for 2020
  - Reviewed current plans at 1/8/20 CTN meeting
  - Goals/Additional goals?
- Focus on STB project this year
- No other ideas were brought forth
  - Anything else? Should we start looking closer at HB-1004, Keeping eye out on bill tracker



# House Bill 1004

[https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/premium/colorado-officials-hold-st-hearing-on-public-health-insurance-plan/article\\_0243f3d2-e9ec-11e9-908f-0b5d951c6ed1.html](https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/premium/colorado-officials-hold-st-hearing-on-public-health-insurance-plan/article_0243f3d2-e9ec-11e9-908f-0b5d951c6ed1.html)

## Arguments for

- The Colorado Department of Health care Policy and Financing and the Division of Insurance will oversee and set the standards
- Licensed insurance carriers will administer the State Option plan
- Every carrier in the state will be required to offer the Public Option plan
- Decrease in monthly premiums
- Decrease in out-of-pocket cost through a federal waiver that may bring additional savings
- Insurance carriers will be required to utilize 85% of money collected in premiums to pay for patient care
- All prescription drug rebates and other compensation paid by manufacturers to insurance carriers must be used to reduce the price of individual policies



# House Bill 1004

## Opposition

- Taxing hospitals to help insurance companies pay their claims - Reinsurance Bill
- State run health coverage with below-cost reimbursement rates
- Forces hospitals and other health care providers to accept Medicare-based rates for privately insured patients
- State bureaucrats would set reimbursement rates hospital by hospital
  - Rural and independent hospitals would have higher rates than large or system hospitals; rate formulas have not been disclosed
  - Lower income could see a reduction in the federal tax credits resulting an increase in monthly premiums



# STB – Moving Forward

- Met with Chantelle Taylor, VP of Government and Regulatory affairs
- Presented white letter and CTN letter of support
- Review what's been done here, other parts of the country
- Brainstorming
- Discussed National STB day and getting into the capitol for training
- Meeting 2/14/20 for talking points tips for CO nurses day on the hill



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# STB – Moving Forward

- Robyn collecting data from CTN Blast, getting responses
- Support COT at either at capitol or large events across the state- will still look at doing that
  - Will need regional points of contact and commitment
  - Actively trying to secure appointment with legislative representative to sponsor bill
    - Representative MJ seems like most logical bet



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# Nurses Day at the Capitol and Legislative Dinner-Who's going?

Just reminding everyone that Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is Colorado Nurses Day at the Capitol. Please click the link below to the CNA where the registration information is available for both the Day at the Capitol and the Legislative Dinner . <https://www.coloradonurses.org/>



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE  
2020 NURSES DAY AT THE CAPITOL  
AND LEGISLATIVE DINNER!**

Tuesday, February 18th



# Sunset review

## What is it?

- Every 10 years, all regulatory agencies in the state of Colorado must be re-evaluated to determine whether they should continue to exist for the good of the public. It is the duty of The Colorado Office of Policy Research and Regulatory Reform (COPRRR-often spoken as “Co-Per”) to perform these reviews.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-oprrr/node/143226/>

- This vote will occur in the 2020 Legislative Season (January through May).
- (CNA website, 2020)





# Sunset Review

- What happens?
- COPRRR collects all their data and then makes a recommendation to the Colorado legislature to continue the Board of Nursing and the Nurse Practice Act, or to eliminate the Board of Nursing, and hence regulation of nursing in Colorado. It is called a sunset, as the sun will set on this board if not reapproved by the legislature for the next 10 year period. This vote will occur in the 2020 Legislative Season (January through May).
- Option (1): The General Assembly (Legislature) does not pass this bill to continue with the Nurse Practice Act. The Board of Nursing will dissolve and there will be no regulation of nursing in the State of Colorado. This is very dangerous to both the public and to nurses in Colorado.
- Option (2): The General Assembly (Legislature) passes the bill to continue with the Nurse Practice Act. The Board of Nursing will continue. The next sunset will occur in 2030.
- For more information on COPRRR and sunset in general:
- <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-oprrr/node/143226/>
- (CAN website, 2020)



# Sunset review

- **Who regulates nursing practice in the state of Colorado?**
- The Board of Nursing (BON) regulates nursing practice in the state of Colorado. Although this may seem obvious, there are other states where nursing practice is regulated by medical boards. The board of nursing (and other boards) are regulated by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The job of the BON is to protect the Colorado public from harm by ensuring that we are safe to practice.

Board of Nursing: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing>

DORA: <https://www.colorado.gov/dora>

- (CNA website, 2020)



# Sunset review

- **What is the Colorado Nurse Practice Act?**
- The Nurse Practice Act is a law that works together with the rules and regulations in the state of Colorado to govern safe nursing practice. This act provides the framework for safe, competent nursing practice. Included in the Nurse Practice Act are (1) the definition of “The Practice of Professional Nursing”, (2) Laws on creation of the Board of Nursing, its composition, and its function (3) Requirements for Licensure and Prescriptive Authority, (4) Delegation Law, and (5) Disciplinary Procedures.
- To find out about Nurse Practice Acts in general, here is a helpful article:  
[https://www.ncsbn.org/2017\\_NPA\\_Guide\\_and\\_govern.pdf](https://www.ncsbn.org/2017_NPA_Guide_and_govern.pdf)
- To access our Colorado Nurse Practice Act:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbOHRFaGVIv0xVSEk/view>



# Sunset review

Is there anything else that occurs during this review?

- nurses to advocate for the highest level of practice within our scope-this includes important issues like protecting the title of “Registered Nurse”, removing barriers for APRNs to prescribe medications in the state of Colorado, and protecting the personal information of licensed nurses, including information regarding alternative to discipline programs that allow nurses with mental health or substance use concerns to continue to practice safely.
  
- (CNA website, 2020)



# Group Roundtable

- Action Items
- Anything Else

