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AACN Announces 2017 Faculty Policy Intensive Cohort

AACN is pleased to announce the selection of four distinguished nurse educators for the 2017 Faculty Policy Intensive. This year's cohort includes: Wendy Hansbrough, PhD, RN, NE-BC, from the California State University San Marcos; Mallie Kozy, PhD, RN, from the University of Portland; Elizabeth Kuzma, DNP, FNP-BC from the University of Michigan; and Carole Myers, PhD, RN, from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. The 2017 cohort was chosen by AACN's Health Policy Advisory Council from a highly competitive pool of applicants based on their past achievements and future interests that align with AACN's 2017-2018 [Federal Policy Agenda](#) priority areas—workforce, research, higher education, and models of care. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the Faculty Policy Intensive.



Title VIII Reauthorization Introduced in Senate

On May 11, Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Richard Burr (R-NC), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 ([S. 1109](#)). AACN commends the commitment of these Senators to bolster the pipeline of nurses for future healthcare needs. The bill, along with the House version, [H.R. 959](#), would reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development programs (Title VIII, Public Health Service Act) through Fiscal Year 2022 and proposes modifications that would modernize programs. For more information about this legislation, visit our [Workforce](#) page and read Senator Merkley's [press release](#).



Healthcare and Budget Hearings on the Hill

Examining Bipartisan Medicare Policies that Improve Care for Patients with Chronic Conditions (May 16)

The Senate Finance Committee held a [hearing](#) to examine the Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 ([S. 870](#)). The bill would update Medicare payment policies to improve care for individuals with chronic conditions. The Committee is scheduled to mark up the bill on May 18.

Oversight Hearing: Advances in Biomedical Research (May 17)

The House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education held a [hearing](#) discussing the future of funding for the National Institutes of Health.

House of Representatives: FY 2018 Budget (May 17)

The House Appropriations Committee held the [first](#) of four hearings, scheduled May 17-18, to review and produce an appropriations bill.

