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AACN Board Chair to Testify Before House Appropriations Subcommittee

On April 26, Dr. Ann Cary, Chair of the AACN Board of Directors, will testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. A recipient of federal funding, both as a student and in her professional career, Dr. Cary will provide rationale for why increased funding for nursing education and research is vital to addressing healthcare changes and public health crises facing the nation. AACN commends the support of Congressional appropriators who provided increases to the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and the National Institute of Nursing Research in the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act. AACN continues to work with its partners to ensure that these investments are sustained and increased. Watch the webcast live at 10:00 am (ET) [here](#).



Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act Gains Additional Support in House

The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act ([H.R. 959/S. 1109](#)) is gaining bipartisan support in the House. Following AACN's [record presence](#) on Capitol Hill in March during the association's [Spring Advocacy Day](#), five more Representatives have cosponsored H.R. 959, bringing the current total to 81. The legislation, which was introduced by Representative David Joyce (R-OH) in 2017, would reauthorize the Nursing Workforce Development Programs through Fiscal Year 2022 and make [technical changes](#) to align them with current trends in nursing practice. Check to see if your Representative or Senator is a cosponsor, and if not, then take a minute to [ask them to cosponsor H.R. 959/S. 1109](#).



House Energy and Commerce Committee Releases Opioid Legislation for Markup

The House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health, chaired by Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX), released [64 opioid bills](#) for markup this afternoon. These bills, up for consideration, focus on important policy actions to combat the opioid epidemic and are broken up by separate policies, such as, the Controlled Substance Act, the Public Health Service Act, Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, Medicaid, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. AACN has supported two bills included in the larger package, the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act ([H.R. 5102](#)) and the Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act ([H.R. 3692](#)).