

OAAPN Legislative Update

OAAPN is constantly working behind the scenes to improve APRN practice in Ohio. One area where this is most evident is in our legislative efforts. While the 134th General Assembly is currently on recess, rest assured, OAAPN and our Government Relations Committee (GRC), headed by GRC Directors Eric Snyder and Summer Buckenmeyer, are not taking a break.

Below is the current legislation we are following:

- HB 196- Revision of law governing Surgical Assistants
- HB 218- Regarding Ohio Vaccine Mandates
- HB 318 - Revision of law governing Anesthesiologist Assistants
- HB 496- Revision of law governing Midwives

Additionally, GRC has reviewed over 712 House Bills, 357 Senate Bills and proposed rules updates so far in 2022 to ensure they will not negatively impact APRN practice. A few examples of these efforts include:

- HB 138 – Regards the scope of emergency medical services
 - Allowing EMS personal to accept APRN DNR order (went into effect July 6, 2022).
- OAC 5123-2-06 – Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
 - Section (c) (14)(h) revised to allow APRNs to administer ECT
- OAC 5122-29-14 – Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - Mobile response and stabilization service: Provider neutral language (effective July 1, 2022)

While it is imperative that OAAPN follows and supports legislation as introduced by others across the state, we are also actively pursuing legislation of our own. Please find below a brief update of two very important pieces of legislation that we continue to pursue.

- Global Signature Authority legislation draft- SB 321- to modify the authority of APRNs. Resume hearings in November in legislature
- Full Practice Authority legislation- Continued grassroots effort to remove SCA. Important to improve Ohioans access to care. Discussions to continue after November elections. Anticipate introductory legislature in 2023.

Together with your support in membership, we will continue our work towards better access to care for all Ohioans and for the advancement and protection of APRN practice in Ohio.

You can follow our legislative efforts by visiting the Regulation and Advocacy sections at [aaapn.org](https://www.aaapn.org).