

2025 END OF SESSION REPORT

Key Healthcare Legislative Initiatives - Current Status As of 4/21/25 -----

NOTE: STATUS PRIOR TO GOVERNOR'S SIGNING DEADLINE OF 5/14/25

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES:

- Revise the list of healthcare providers authorized to participate in the process of a Probate Court Judge appointing a guardian for an adult – adding Nurse Practitioners, PAs & LPCs to the list of providers authorized to provide the evaluations as one step in the guardianship process.
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION – AWAITS GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**
- Authorize the Board of Nursing and the Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage/Family Therapist to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals (Alternative Discipline Program)
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE IN 2025 SESSION AND IN SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE IN 2026 SESSION**

REMOVING BARRIERS ON APRN/PA SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO ENHANCE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY:

- Authorize APRNs and PAs to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies.
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION - HOWEVER DUE TO AN ERROR IN THE DRAFTING OF A SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT A CORRECTED SUBSTITUTE BILL MUST BE AGREED TO BY THE SENATE IN 2026 SESSION AND THEN TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNING**
- Authorize APRNs and PAs to perform artificial insemination injections as long as the physician or surgeon is physically present at the location during the time of the procedure
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE IN 2025 SESSION AND IN SENATE HHS COMMITTEE IN 2026 SESSION**
- *Relating to the expansion of the authorization for CRNAs to order and administer anesthesia and an anesthesia plan under certain conditions*
STATUS: **DID NOT PASS THE HOUSE REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE IN 2025 SESSION**

TAX CREDITS AND INSURANCE ISSUES:

- Increase the PECEPTOR TAX CREDIT to \$750 for each preceptorship rotation completed in one calendar year by a community based faculty preceptor who is an APRN or a PA and extend the sunset on this tax credit from 2026 to 2030.
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION – AWAITS GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**
- Require health benefit insurance policy coverage for medically necessary secondary orthotic and prosthetic devices.
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION – AWAITS GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**

OTHER HEALTHCARE RELATED LEGISLATION:

- “HOPE FOR GEORGIA PATIENTS ACT” relates to patient’s right to try investigational drugs, biological products, and devices, to expand access to individualized investigational treatments to patient who have severely debilitating or life-threatening illnesses
STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION – AWAITS GOVERNOR’S SIGNATURE**
- Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce bill which established the Georgia Health Care Professional Data System and provided collaboration with state licensing board to mandate critical data collection by the licensing boards.
STATUS: THIS BILL LANGUAGE WAS REMOVED AND REPLACED BY ANOTHER BILL – THIS BILL LANGUAGE WILL NOW REQUIRE BEGINNING AGAIN WITH A NEW BILL IN THE 2026 SESSION
- Required the Secretary of State to provide a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licenses with applicable continuing education requirements
- STATUS: **PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE IN 2025 SESSION – AWAITS GOVERNOR’S SIGNATURE**

STATE BUDGET:

- CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE TO INCLUDE DOLLARS IN THE STATE BUDGET UNDER THE GEORGIA BOARD OF HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE TO **INCLUDE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE APRN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND NURSE FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM – WILL CONFIRM TOTAL BUDGED AMOUNTS UPON SIGNATURE FROM GOVERNOR**
- **Key Healthcare Related Capital Appropriations Include:**
 - Equipment for Nursing & Health Science Addition, College of Coastal GA., Brunswick, Glynn County. **\$1,600,000**
 - Construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. *(Recognized \$8,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY 2025 budget to complete project funding.)* **\$4,000,000**
 - Construction of the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene Building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County. **\$9,700,000**