



## 2022 AMSUN Federal Legislative Agenda

The Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSUN) is the only specialty nursing organization dedicated to the practice of medical-surgical nursing. AMSUN and its more than 10,000 members represent medical-surgical nurses providing care to adults with a variety of medical issues or who are preparing for/recovering from surgery. Medical-surgical nursing is practiced in several settings across the health care industry, including hospitals, outpatient settings, in homes, via telemedicine and other non-traditional settings. The following are AMSUN's 2022 legislative priorities:

### AMSUN Authorizing Legislative Priorities

***The Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 1195 and S. 4182)*** helps ensure that health care workers have the basic workplace protections they need and deserve. Specifically, the Act compels the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue an interim occupational safety and health standard that requires certain employers to take actions to protect workers and other personnel from workplace violence. The House of Representatives passed the bill in April 2021. **AMSUN urges Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.**

***The John Lewis Equality in Medicare and Medicaid Treatment (EMMT) Act of 2022 (H.R. 7755 and S. 4067)*** is crucial to ensuring that health equity is meaningfully addressed in policy. Specifically, the Act directs the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to consult with experts on health disparities, such as the Office of Minority Health of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, and the Office on Women's Health, on developing new payment models that consider social determinants of health (SDOH), lower costs, and improve access to care. **AMSUN urges Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.**

***Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2568 and S. 1220)*** is an effort to recognize the nearly 120,000 nurses who were members of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, honorably serving in military and Veterans Administration hospitals. The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, established during World War II, was an integrated, uniformed service of the Public Health Administration and at the time, it was the largest federal nurse-training program. Despite their contribution to our country and war effort, Cadet Nurse Corps members are not eligible for the same types of recognition as other civilian and military groups that served during World War II. **AMSUN urges Members of Congress to cosponsor the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2568 and S. 1220).**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact AMSUN's Washington representative, Jim Twaddell at [jwtwaddell@venable.com](mailto:jwtwaddell@venable.com) or 202-344-4358.

## Fiscal Year (FY) Appropriations Priorities

**The Nursing Workforce Development Programs** administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) help bolster and sustain the nation's diverse nursing pipeline by addressing all aspects of nursing workforce demand, including nursing education, practice, recruitment, and retention. Robust federal funding for these programs is urgently needed in the wake of unprecedented nationwide nursing shortages. **AMSN supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$530 million for HRSA's Nursing Workforce Development Programs in FY 2023 funding.**

**The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** helps ensure that nurse researchers and scientists can continue their lifesaving work at the forefront of disease prevention, patient care, and recovery. Increased federal funding for NINR will further accelerate nursing science aimed at reducing burdensome chronic illness, improving end-of-life care, and advancing patient-centered care across the lifespan. **AMSN supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$210 million for NINR in FY 2023 funding.**

**The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** funds critical research that is key to informing and improving health care quality and delivery across the nation. Sustained federal investment in the AHRQ will help ensure that providers have ready access to the pipeline of new medical findings, trainings, and tools to better care for their patients. **AMSN supports the Friends of AHRQ request of no less than \$500 million for the AHRQ in FY 2023 funding.**