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News & Updates

Naloxone for Iowa Organizations and Businesses

To help address the issue of opioid misuse, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is launching a new initiative. Funded through the State Opioid Response (SOR 2) grant, IDPH is offering eligible organizations and businesses free naloxone nasal spray kits (naloxone is the opioid overdose reversal medication). The purpose of this initiative is to equip organizations and businesses in the event that they encounter someone experiencing a suspected opioid overdose. While the hope is, there would never be a need for the use of naloxone, having this medication available as part of a first-aid response could save someone's life.

Eligible organizations and businesses may include retail/convenience stores; libraries; restaurants; bars; community or social services; event venues and mobile service providers. In the event that an organization or business type not listed believes they have a need for naloxone kits, an exception request can be submitted to the SOR Helpdesk for consideration.

For more information, please contact RaChel Greenwood at rachel.greenwood@idph.iowa.gov.

Iowa Board of Nursing Releases Latest Podcast

The latest episode of the Board's podcast is posted. Eric Holsapple, Health Professions Investigator, with the Iowa Board of Nursing and Anne Ryan, Host

Upcoming Board Meetings

April 6, 7, 8, 2022, All day. Regularly scheduled quarterly Board Meeting. This will be a virtual meeting. Please see the IBON website for details on accessing the Zoom meeting.

Board Meeting Records

Agendas (posted no later than 24 hours before a meeting) and approved minutes are posted as they are approved by the Board.

2022 Iowa Legislative Session - 89th Iowa General Assembly

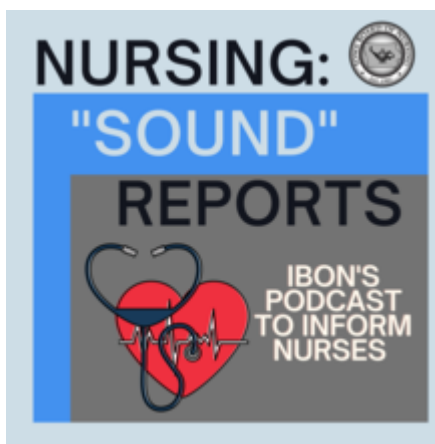
The current legislative session began January 10th and runs through April 19th, but the schedule is subject to change.

Future Ready Iowa-Last Dollar Scholarship

Check out the Last Dollar Scholarship for eligibility requirements, application

discuss considerations for nurses when choosing to use social media. Topics include patient privacy, professionalism, and problematic or high risk uses.

To listen to the episodes, click on the following link: [Nursing: "Sound" Reports](#).



details and deadlines. Students who may be eligible include those who recently completed an Iowa high school diploma, a homeschool program, or high school equivalency diploma, and enroll full-time in an eligible program of study, OR, students who recently completed a high school diploma, a homeschool program, or high school equivalency diploma, and enroll at least part-time in an eligible program of study while employed in a registered apprenticeship program approved by the federal Department of Labor, apply for all other available state and federal grants and scholarships. <https://iowacollegeaid.gov/LastDollar>

[Emergency Proclamation Update](#)

Governor Reynolds announced that her Proclamation of Disaster Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic expired at 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2022. Accordingly, the State of Iowa will no longer be under a proclaimed state of emergency due to COVID-19 effective February 16, 2022.

[Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

Update Date: May 10, 2022, is the next regularly scheduled conference call of the INAP Advisory Committee. If you or someone you know is impaired as a result of substance use or by any mental or physical condition, there is help. Please see the [INAP webpage](#) for more information.



IBON Director of Licensing Named

The Iowa Board of Nursing is pleased to announce that Jayme Hildreth has accepted the position of Associate Director of Licensing. Jayme's first day in her new position was February 18, 2022. Jayme has been with the Board of Nursing since November, 2020 as a licensing clerk. Prior to IBON, Jayme was employed at Nationwide for eight years where she held different roles with the latest being in the Licensing Department as a Team Lead. In her spare time, Jayme and her family enjoy going on vacation and spending time with friends and family.

Nurse Licensure Compact Commission Annual Report Now Available

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Commission Annual Report for fiscal year 2021 (FY21), the period from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021, is now available on NCSBN's website. A copy of the report can be found at [NLC Annual Report](#). It provides a comprehensive overview of the activities, achievements and financial performance of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) throughout the report period. It also comprises a snapshot of recent accomplishments and a preview of NLC Commission goals in fiscal year 2022 (FY22). For more information about the NLC, visit www.nlc.gov.



NLC Tip of the Month

QUESTION: Which state most recently implemented the NLC?

ANSWER: As of Feb. 1, 2022, Vermont completed the process of implementing the NLC. This means that nurses with primary state of residence in Vermont may be eligible for a multistate specialty license. The application is available on the [Vermont State Board of Nursing](#) website. Vermont residents do not need to wait until the next renewal to apply for a multistate license. Additionally, as of February 1, nurses residing in other NLC states who hold a multistate license:

- Visit www.nursys.com.
- Use the QuickConfirm feature and type in your information.
- It will display the status of your license as single state or multistate.

If you find that your license is single state and your PSOR is an NLC state, contact your state board of nursing for instructions on the steps you need to take to convert your license to a multistate license. Contact information for state boards of nursing can be found [here](#).

For more information about the Nurse Licensure Compact, see this link on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm>

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