

Bill Number: H.R. 1317

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Joyce, David P. (R-OH-14)

Title of Bill: Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act

Current Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1317/text>

Status: February 13, 2025 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provision as falls within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary: To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to increase access to services provided by advanced practice registered nurses under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

P&A Committee Insights:

- Significantly, the bill does not expand the scope of practice; instead, it would enable APRNs to practice to the extent of their existing state scope of practice.
- Removes outdated supervision requirements, reducing administrative burden.
- Expands access to care, especially in underserved and rural areas.
- Authorizes APRNs to certify and manage services, including hospice, rehabilitation, and diabetic care.
- Allows APRNs to bill directly, improving efficiency and workforce utilization.
- Supports healthcare workforce shortages by empowering existing providers.
- Enhances patient access to specialized services (e.g., home infusion, medical nutrition therapy).
- Widely supported by nursing and health organizations (e.g., AANP, ANA).

Position: Support

Priority: High

Subject: Nursing Workforce