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AcademyHealth has been monitoring the language and next steps in the Labor/HHS spending bill, a draft of which was released July 19 and passed through sub-committee mark-up July 20. As written, it completely eliminates the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (Sec. 227), and prohibits any patient-centered outcomes research (Sec. 217) and all economic research within the National Institutes of Health (Page 57, line 19).

AcademyHealth issued a [public statement](#) on July 17 and today signed onto a *Friends of AHRQ* letter in opposition to this bill, and they are urging you to do the same. The bill is scheduled to go to full committee markup the week of July 23. They ask that you take immediate action to share your concern and opposition with your elected representatives, your friends and social networks. To read more of this article or to find out how you can help, [click here](#).

Selected Hospitals Will Participate in the Graduate Nurse Education Demonstration

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMA) announced this week that five hospitals will receive up to \$50 million annually over years to cover the clinical training of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Their overall goal is to increase the numbers of (APRNs) in an effort to increase the overall number of primary care providers.

This demonstration is vital to the acknowledgement of the role APRNs play as key primary care providers and the support by this organization. The five selected hospitals will partner with accredited schools of nursing and non-hospital community-based settings of

Upcoming Events

**DE Valley Chapter
"Management of Clostridium Difficile
- Associated Diarrhea (CDAD)"**
Thursday, September 13th at 6:30pm
Dinner Meeting at the [Dilworthtown Inn](#) in Pennsylvania
RSVP to Denise Lyons
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This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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Health Affairs Scholarship 2012-2013

NOW is the time to apply. Follow in the footsteps of former recipients who indicate that the opportunity provided by the Scholarship to attend the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Summit was an eye opening experience and stimulating. Patty Kang (2009-2010 recipient) has stated "I found myself among APNs who were the movers and shakers and who were instrumental in changing how we practice". Meghan Routt (2011-2012 recipient) has stated "I cannot believe how much I learned".

[Download the application](#) and take the first step in possibly becoming GAPNA's 2012-2013 Health Affairs Scholarship Recipient!

GAPNA Launched its NEW Website

Please take a moment to visit GAPNA's new, more user-friendly website (www.GAPNA.org). It has a brand new look and feel. We are still in the process of arranging and updating information, so please feel free to drop us a note at GAPNA@ajj.com if you have any suggestions or if you are having trouble locating something. We would love to hear from you!

Foundation Store at Conference

In addition to the Fun Run/Walk, Cosmic Bowling, and Golf, the Foundation will be selling exciting items like t-shirts, socks, business card holders, lunch totes, baseball hats and lip balm at the Conference. All proceeds from the sales at the "Foundation Store" will fund Foundation Awards and research grants. Don't miss this opportunity!

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The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.

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