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FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

National Provider Identifier (NPI) & Medicaid Reimbursement: Huddlers participated in a mini-poll on NPIs to assess readiness for potential Medicaid reimbursement opportunities for RNs. The results showed that of the snapshot participants, the majority either don't have NPIs, don't know how to get one, or don't see the need. This is relevant as upcoming policy could make NPIs critical for direct Medicaid reimbursement for nurses.

OSBN Budget Bill Passed: Last licensee increase was in 2019. The Board discussed equity in increase and The OR increase matches the cost in states on borders. This will allow licensees to maintain access to Oregon Wellness program and re-engage with Health Professional Service Program. Added staff to investigation department for timely investigations.

NINR Defunding Threat: There's a serious threat at the federal level to eliminate the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). Nurses who have benefited from NINR-funded research should [submit their story](#) to advocate for its continuation.

HB 2932: HB 2932 passed, allowing state-employed nurses to teach concurrently without conflict-of-interest restrictions. It's a powerful example of grassroots nurse advocacy driving systemic change.

Nursing Education

Budget Bill Passed- More Wellness + Investigations: OSBN's budget bill passed, paving the way to expand nurse wellness resources and increase investigations staffing for timelier responses. Expect a modest license fee increase in the next six months (still well below WA/CA rates).

Division 21 + CNA Access Updates: Significant progress is being made as Division 21 revisions governing education programs are nearing finalization, promising enhanced support for faculty and students. CNA entry thresholds will be reduced as of July 1, removing long-standing barriers and expanding the pipeline.

Events & Happenings

AWHONN Conference: Location: September 28-20 in Stevenson Washington. [Register for the conference](#) or the [Student PreCon](#), or [submit a poster presentation](#).

OCN Outstanding Preceptor Event: Join OCN on September 17th for our Preceptor Awards, and send in your [nominations now!](#)

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, June 13th, at 8:00 a.m.

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