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## Today's Agenda



- What does the 2025 Legislative and Political Landscape look like?
- What opportunities exist to advance ANA's Congressional and regulatory priorities?
- How is ANA collaborating with stakeholders?
- Where can you find more information and stay up to date on ANA's government affairs actions?

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# Legislative and Political Landscape

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## Congress



- US House of Representatives (2 vacancies)
  - Republicans – 218
  - Democrats – 215
- US Senate
  - Republicans – 53
  - Democrats – 47

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## States



- **Governors**
  - 11 Governors races in 2024 (8 open seats)
  - All stayed same party control
  - Republicans – 27
  - Democrats – 23
- **Legislatures**
  - Republican-Controlled
    - House/Assembly – 29 states
    - Senate – 29
  - Democrat-Controlled
    - House/Assembly – 18
    - Senate – 19

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## Advocacy Priorities

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## 2025 Advocacy Priorities

- Opportunistic Advocacy within the Current Political Landscape(s)
- Work Environment
- Workforce
- Access & Outcomes



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## Congressional Priorities

- Invest in Nursing Education
- Improve Workplace Environment
- Remove Barriers to APRN Practice
- Coverage and Payment Issues
- Promote Access and Outcomes
- Advance Maternal & Women's Health

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## Regulatory Priorities

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## Agency Appointments

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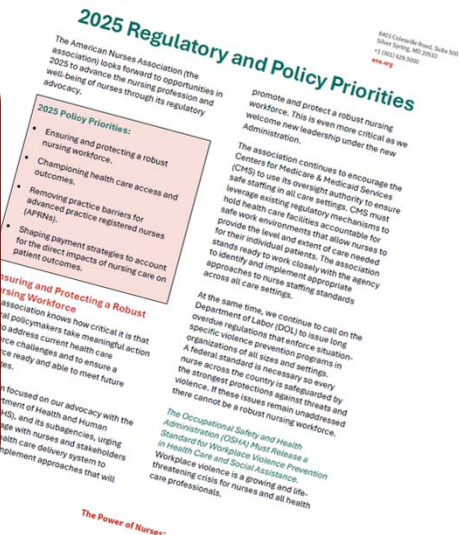
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- Shaping Payment Strategies to Account for the Direct Impacts of Nursing Care on Patient Outcomes



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- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) must release a standard for workplace violence prevention in health care and social assistance.
- CMS must use its oversight authority to ensure safe staffing in all care settings.
- CMS must use its enforcement authority to ensure hospitals within their purview are complying with safety requirements.
- Utilizing this Condition of Participation to protect nurses and all health care workers.

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  - Shaping Payment Strategies to Account for the Direct Impacts of Nursing Care on Patient Outcomes
- Need for close collaboration with nurses to identify approaches to addressing health-related social drivers.
  - Keeping nurses central to addressing maternal health challenges.
  - Access to APRNs, especially for patients in rural areas.
  - Administration must leverage technology to increase patient access.

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  - Shaping Payment Strategies to Account for the Direct Impacts of Nursing Care on Patient Outcomes
- CMS Must Remove Regulatory Barriers to APRN Practice.
  - Removal of regulatory barriers to APRN practice in Medicare.
  - Urging CMS to work with Congress to ensure that legislative barriers are also rescinded.
  - Leverage its Medicaid waiver authorities encourage state Medicaid and CHIP programs to cover APRN care.

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## Regulatory & Policy Priorities



- Ensuring and Protecting a Robust Nursing Workforce
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- Shaping Payment Strategies to Account for the Direct Impacts of Nursing Care on Patient Outcomes

- Long overdue for Medicare to value nursing services as clinical care
- Need for regulatory and administrative steps to account for nursing care in payment methods
- Innovative payment approaches are to align provider incentives with the extent and quality of the care nurses provide

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## Stakeholder Engagement

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## Federal Coalition Engagement in 2025



- Nursing Community Coalition
- Mental Health Liaison Group
- SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program Coalition
- All-In Coalition
- Center for Telehealth and E-Health Law
- Modern Medicaid Alliance
- **Maternal Health Nursing Coalition**
- **Partnership for Medicaid**
- **Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities**
- **Nursing Home Reform Coalition**

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## State Coalition Engagement in 2025



- State Government Affairs Council
- National Lieutenant Governors Association
- Western Governors Association
- National Conference of State Legislatures

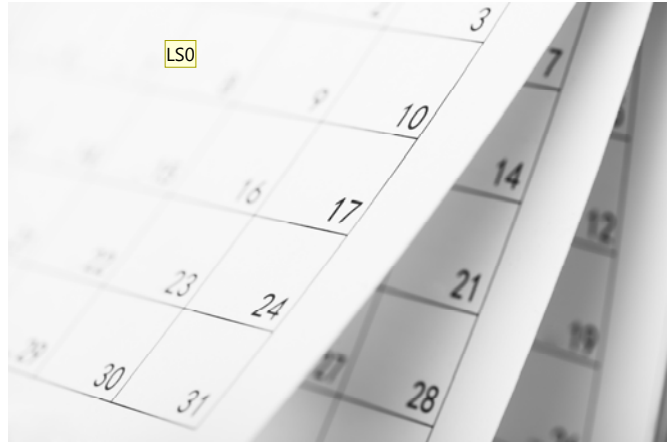
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## Important Dates!



- ANA Hill Day, June 26
- Membership Assembly, June 27-28
- ANCC Magnet Pathway Conference
  - October 8-10 in Atlanta, Georgia



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## Policy & Government Affairs Resources



- Latest News: [nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy](https://nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy)
- ANA Advocacy Library: [nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy/federal/ana-advises-federal-agencies](https://nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy/federal/ana-advises-federal-agencies)
- ANA Grassroots Advocacy: [RNAction.org](https://RNAction.org)
- Nurses Action Society (Grasstops Advocacy): [RNAction.org](https://RNAction.org)
- Capitol Beat Blog: [anacapitolbeat.org](https://anacapitolbeat.org)

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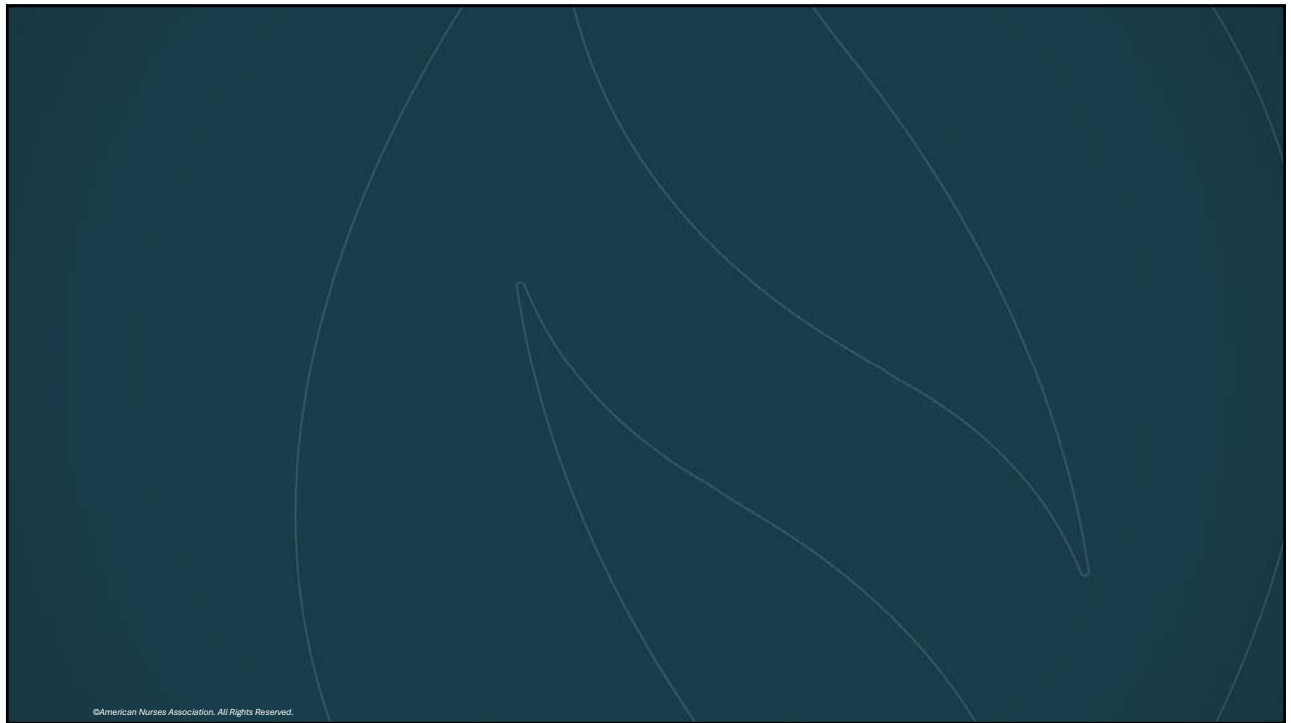
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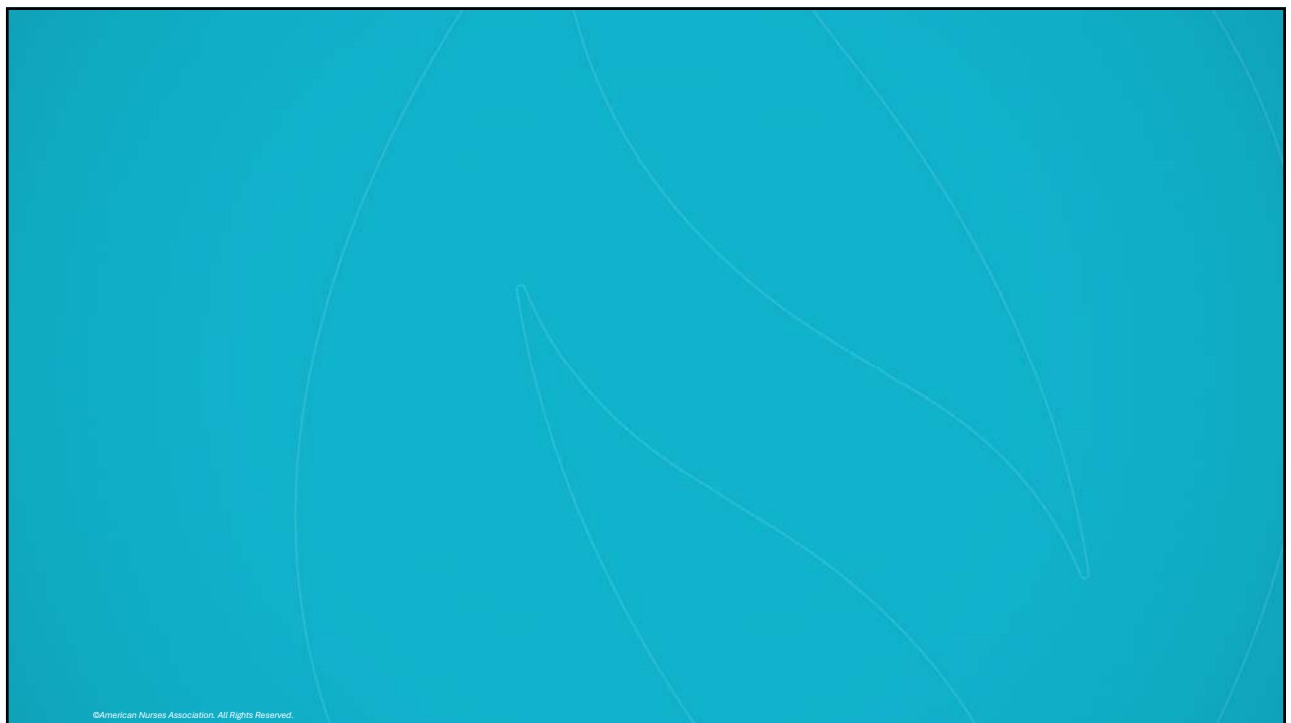
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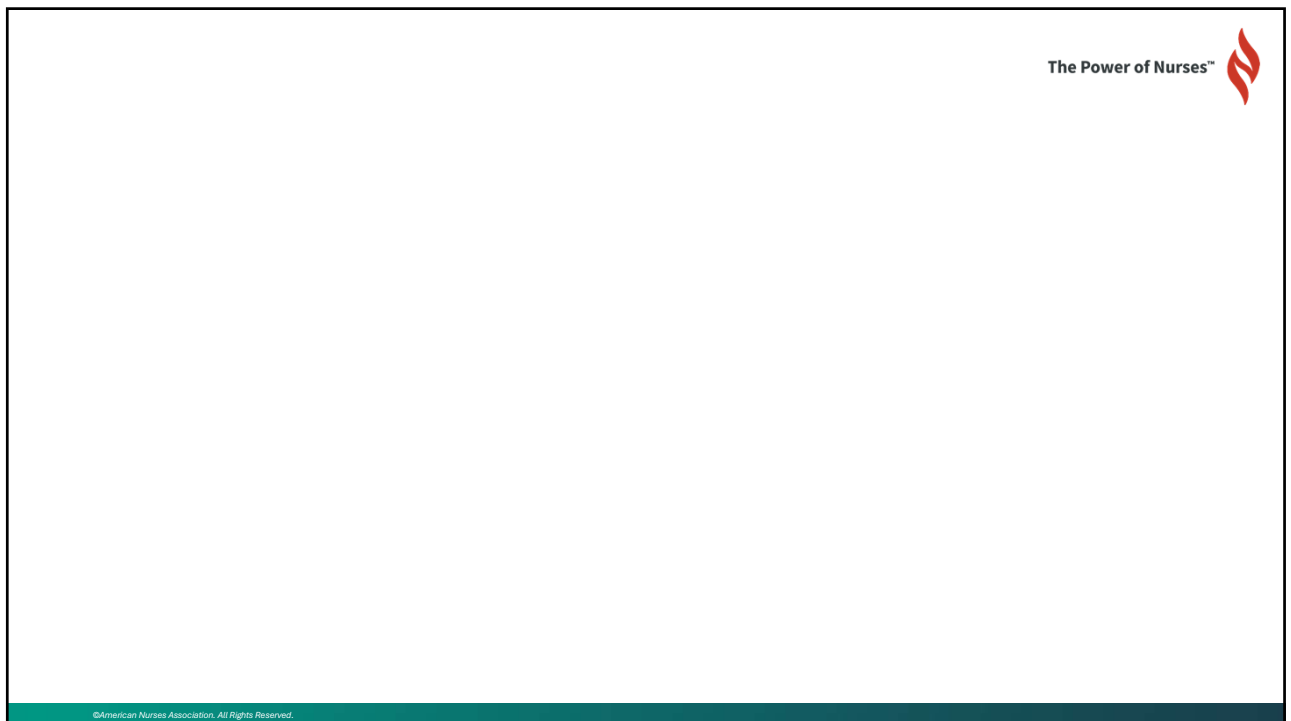
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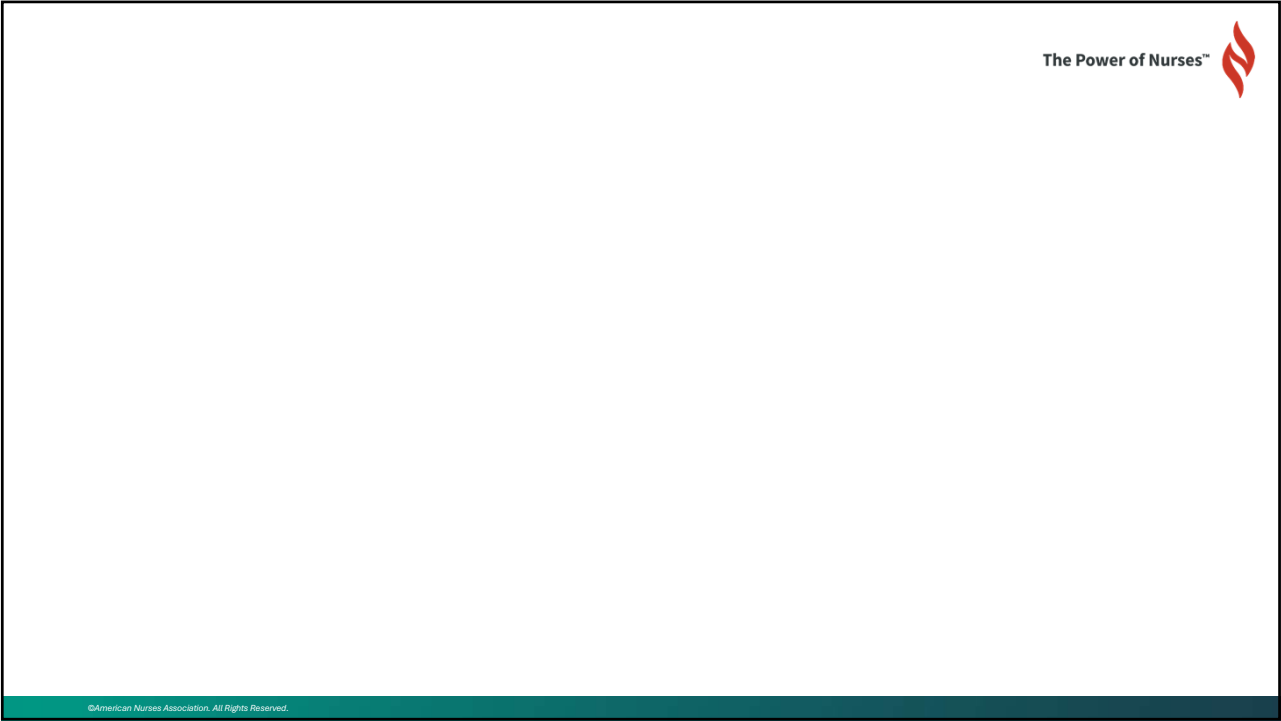
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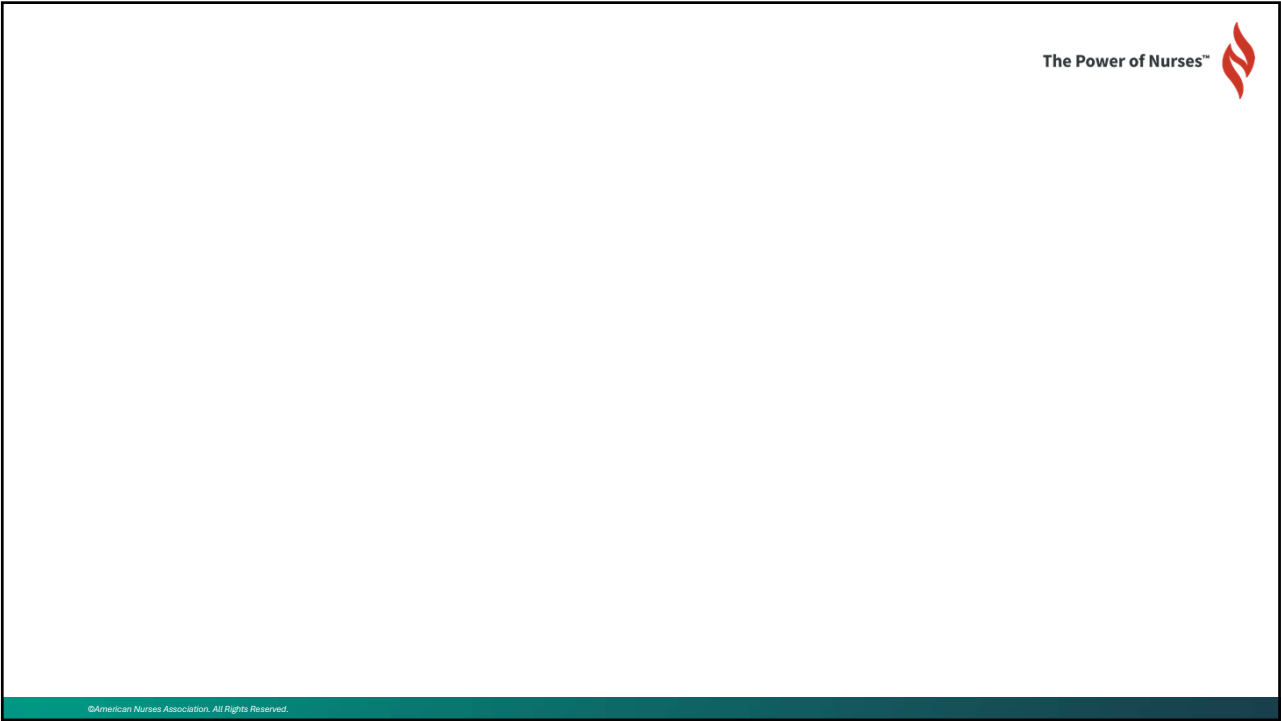
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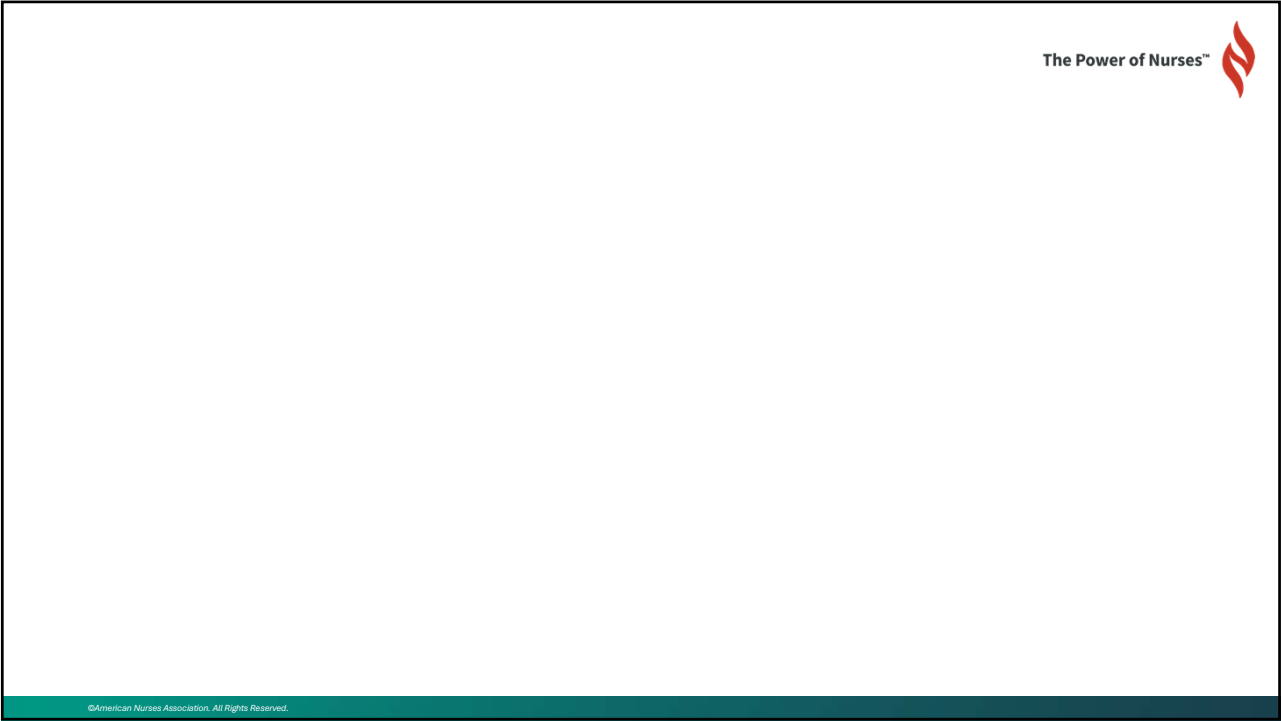
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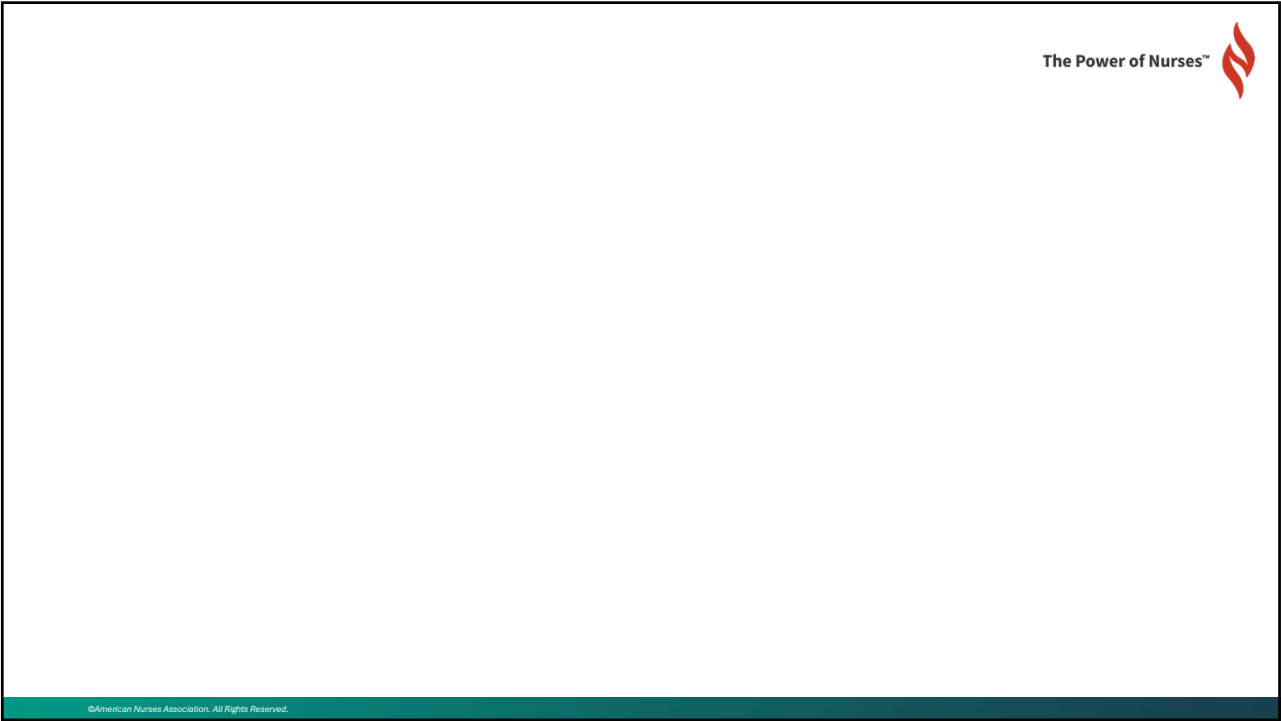
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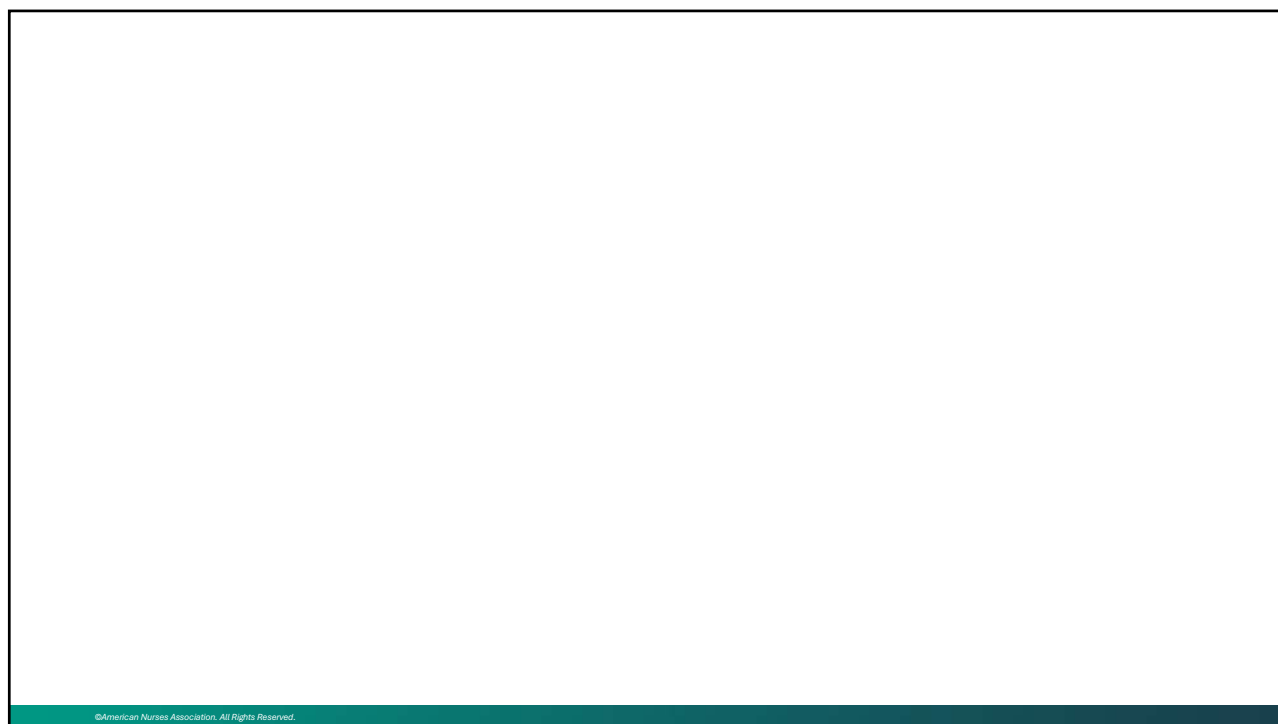
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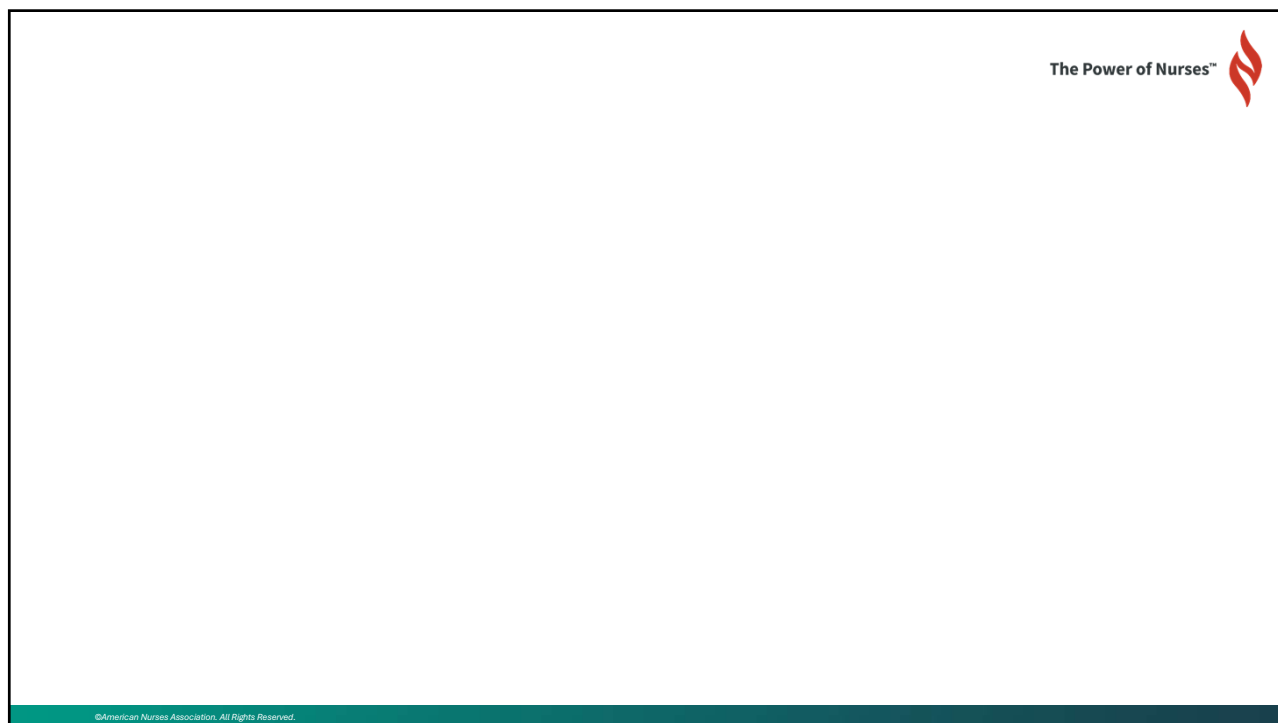


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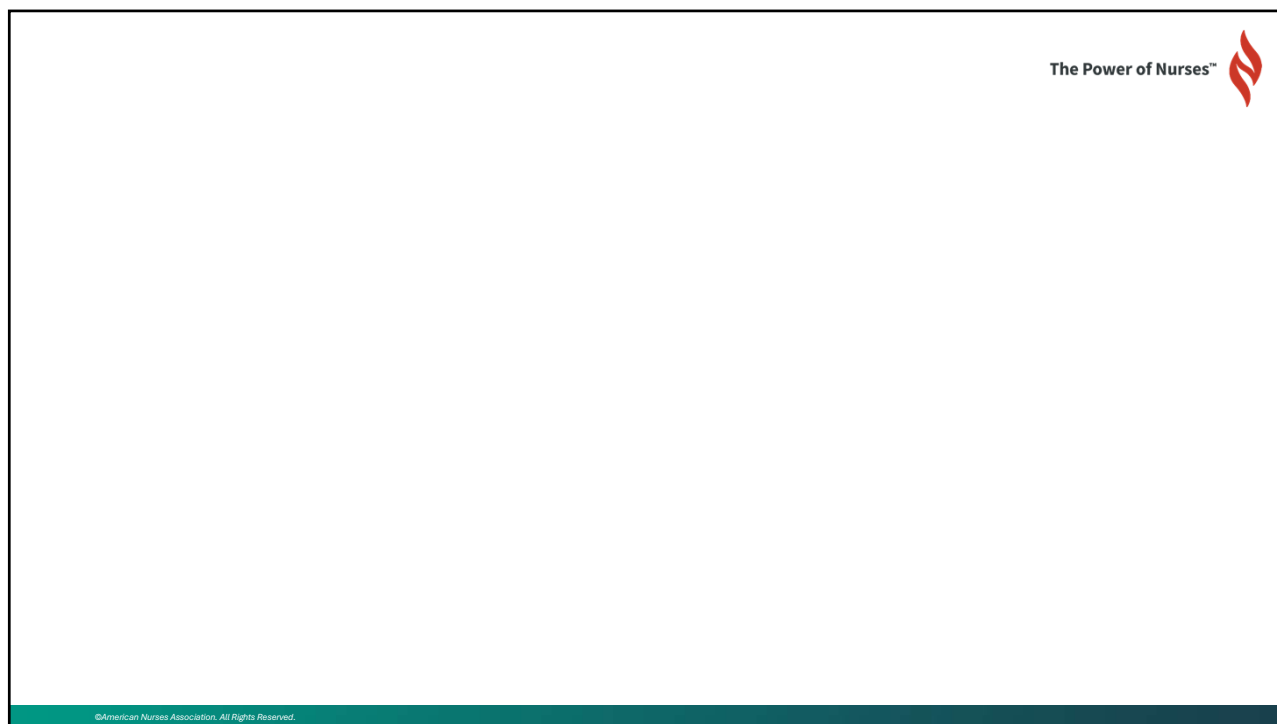
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