



# Florida Renal Administrators Association

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## 2015 -2016 FRAA Legislative Agenda

**Medi-gap Legislation-** FRAA supports the Alonzo Mourning Access to Care Act aka Medi-gap legislation, that will allow the below 65 and over 65 Medi-gap risk pools to merge in 2016. Medi-gap plans help prevent Medicare beneficiaries from relying on Florida Medicaid as their last resort of secondary coverage.

**MSW Internship only for 5 years-** FRAA supports the limitation of MSW Licensure internship to five years. The current Florida statutes require MSW supervision until the candidate completes licensure, which is a burden on the employer. Also, during this Internship the MSWs are not required to obtain CEUs. This raises the question about how the MSW Interns remain up to date with standards of care in social services.

**Support Nurse Licensure Compact Program –** The Nurse compact rule would allow licensure reciprocity for out of state Register Nurse (RNs) to practice across state lines. This would enable out of state Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and their RNs to provide telephonic case management to Floridians. Also RNs would be available for disaster relief both into border states and provide relief to Florida providers from border states. The FRAA supports the Nurse Licensure Compact Program to enhance the health care delivery system in Florida.

**Support role expansion of Physician Extenders; ARNP and PAs–** FRAA would support the expansion of the physician extenders scope of work. However, for the chronically ill with end stage renal disease the FRAA encourages a collaborative practice model between the extenders and the nephrologist, whereas the nephrologist maintains oversight of the extenders.

**Support Telemedicine-** FRAA would support telemedicine legislation which would allow a physician to round electronically via video to ESRD patients in remote areas even if they had to cross states lines.