

# State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 931

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## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT

**AN ACT** to amend 165.25 (6) (c), 250.15 (2) (c), 251.04 (8), 251.07 (1) (a), 251.07 (2), 252.04 (9) and 895.46 (5) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.; a reference to generalized public health nursing programs; and updating terminology from “advanced practice nurse prescriber” to “advanced practice registered nurse” (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health Services).

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Health Services and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 165.25 (6) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin Act 18, is amended to read:

165.25 (6) (c) Physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice ~~nurse prescribers~~ registered nurses under s. 251.07 or 252.04 (9) (b) are covered by this section and shall be considered agents of the department of health services for purposes of determining which agency head may request the attorney general to appear and defend them.

**SECTION 2.** 250.15 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

250.15 (2) (c) To HealthNet of ~~Janesville~~ Rock County, Inc., \$50,000.

NOTE: This SECTION updates a reference to an organization from “HealthNet of Janesville, Inc.,” to “HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.” According to the Department of Health Services, the name of this organization has changed.

**SECTION 3.** 251.04 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

251.04 (8) Unless the manner of employment is otherwise provided for by ordinance, a local board of health shall employ qualified public health professionals, including a public health nurse to conduct ~~general~~ generalized public health nursing programs under the direction of the local board of health and in cooperation with the department, and may employ one or more sanitarians to conduct environmental programs and other public health programs not specifically designated by statute as functions of the public health nurse. The local board of health shall coordinate the activities of any sanitarian employed by the governing body of the jurisdiction that the local board of health serves. The local board of health is not required to employ different persons to perform these functions.

NOTE: Under ch. 250, stats., each public health nurse must conduct a “generalized” public health nursing program in cooperation with the Department of Health Services. SECTION 3 modifies a reference to a “general” public health nursing program in ch. 251, stats., so that it is consistent with ch. 250, stats.

**SECTION 4.** 251.07 (1) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act 18, is amended to read:

251.07 (1) (a) “Advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~” means an advanced practice nurse who is

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

certified under s. 441.16 (2) to may issue prescription orders under s. 441.09 (2).

**SECTION 5.** 251.07 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin Act 18, is amended to read:

251.07 (2) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~ who is not an employee of the local health department and who provides services, without compensation, for those programs and services provided by a local health department that require medical oversight is, for the provision of the services he or she provides, a state agent of the department of health services for the purposes of ss. 165.25 (6), 893.82 (3), and 895.46.

**SECTION 6.** 252.04 (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin Act 18, is amended to read:

252.04 (9) (a) An immunization program under sub. (8) shall be supervised by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~ selected by the school district or local health department who shall issue written orders for the administration of immunizations that are in accordance with written protocols issued by the department.

(b) If the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~ under par. (a) is not an employee of the county, city, village or school district, receives no compensation for his or her services under par. (a) and acts under par. (a) in accordance with written protocols issued by the department, he or she is

a state agent of the department for the purposes of ss. 165.25 (6), 893.82 (3) and 895.46.

(c) The department may disapprove the selection made under par. (a) or may require the removal of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~ selected.

**SECTION 7.** 895.46 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin Act 18, is amended to read:

895.46 (5) (b) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~prescriber~~ under s. 251.07 or 252.04 (9) (b).

**SECTION 8. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The treatment of ss. 165.25 (6) (c), 251.07 (1) (a) and (2), 252.04 (9), and 895.46 (5) (b) takes effect on September 1, 2026.

NOTE: Effective September 1, 2026, 2025 Wisconsin Act 17 creates a new system of licensure that allows a registered nurse (RN) to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). Among other provisions, Act 17 directs the Board of Nursing to grant an APRN license to an RN who, on August 31, 2026, is certified as an advanced practice nurse prescriber (APNP). APRN licensure will replace certification as an APNP. Throughout the statutes, Act 17 replaces each reference to an APNP with a reference to an APRN. 2025 Wisconsin Act 18 was enacted on the same day as Act 17. Effective August 10, 2025, Act 18 authorizes an APNP to provide certain services for a local health department. SECTIONS 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 replace each reference in Act 18 to an APNP with a reference to an APRN. SECTION 8 renders these changes effective on September 1, 2026, the same day that Act 17 will take effect.