



## **Agenda Item 8:**

# **Implementation of AB 1577: Annual Nursing Clinical Placement Reporting to HCAI**

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# Agenda

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# AB 1577 Background

- Signed into law in 2024<sup>1</sup>, AB 1577 aims to address the shortage of clinical training slots available to nursing students in California Community Colleges (CCC) and California State Universities (CSU).
- Requires HCAI to collect and publish written justifications from health facilities<sup>2</sup> and clinics<sup>3</sup> that are unable to accommodate clinical placement requests from CCC or CSU nursing programs.
- Facilities and clinics that fail to submit the required form by the annual deadline may face an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000.

<sup>1</sup> AB 1577: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1577](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1577)

<sup>2</sup> Required Health Facilities: General acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Required Clinics: Primary care and specialty clinics

# Purpose

- AB 1577 supports the long-term goal of addressing California's nursing workforce needs by identifying barriers that prevent health facilities and clinics from accommodating nursing programs and students. Clinical placement is a significant barrier to nursing growth expansion.
- Increases transparency and accountability in clinical placement decisions to help expand training opportunities.
- Promotes collaboration between CSU and CCC nursing programs and clinical sites across the state.
  - Focuses on public institutions to support affordability, community alignment, and improved access through California's public higher education system.

# Key Requirements

- Beginning January 1, 2025, health facilities and clinics must meet with CCC or CSU nursing programs upon request to discuss clinical placement needs.
- If unable to offer additional placements, facilities and clinics must submit a written justification to HCAI by January 30, 2026, and annually each January 30 thereafter, covering the prior calendar year.
  - Justifications must explain the reason for declining placements. Acceptable reasons may include:
    - Lack of relevant services, insufficient patient census, staffing shortages, disagreements over affiliation agreement terms, shift scheduling preferences, and/or other specified reasons.
- Failure to submit the required form by the deadline may result in an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000.
- Submitted justifications will be posted on HCAI's website for five years.

# Stakeholder Engagement

- In the coming weeks, HCAI staff will meet with individual stakeholders to share program details, answer questions, and gather input on the implementation process.
- Stakeholders will include:
  - Health facility associations
  - Clinic associations
  - Nursing associations
  - CSU nursing programs
  - CCC nursing programs
- Engagement will occur through virtual meetings, targeted outreach, and follow-up discussions to ensure broad participation and meaningful feedback.

# Next Steps and Implementation

- Meet with stakeholders to share information and gather input.
- Develop a standardized form on HCAI's website for submitting written justifications.
- Establish clear procedures for reviewing submissions and applying penalties for non-compliance.
- Collect and publish data on clinical placement availability and justifications to support transparency and future decision-making.

	2025				2026
Action	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
AB 1577 Effective					
Stakeholder Engagement					
Form Available Online					
Form Submission Deadline (01/30)					
Forms Posted Online					