



### **LPN Workforce Survey Conducted with On-line License Renewal**

The Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) is offering Illinois Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a survey upon completion of the 2017 online licensure renewal process. The ICN partnered with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Licensing and Information Technology units to create the straightforward questionnaire.

The survey consists of 27 questions, including those from the National Minimum Data Set. All data will be reported in the aggregate for use in determining nursing workforce projections and needs in Illinois. Individual responses will remain anonymous and confidential. Summary reports, available on the IDFPR website, may be accessed for compilation into national databases or used for comparison with other reported databases. Participation in the surveys is appreciated.

The report from the data collected during the 2015 LPN individual online license renewal period showed a shortage of LPNs may be on the horizon in Illinois. The ICN LPN Survey Report, in comparison to RNs, suggests a more racially diverse group, clustered in the urban areas of Illinois; the full report is available on the ICN website, <http://nursing.illinois.gov/>.

As with the last report, the Illinois Center for Nursing Board will use this data with continued strategic planning, including a focus on nursing workforce development that impacts access to quality health care policy, practice and education in this era of change.

IDFPR's LPN online licensure renewal period ends January 31, 2017, so please encourage your LPN coworkers to complete this survey upon conclusion of their individual online licensure renewal. Thank you.