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IL Nursing Workforce Center Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Survey 2022

Voluntary survey participation was offered to Illinois APRNs through two eblasts, on October 5 and October 17, 2022. The data portal remained open from October 5 through November 15, 2022. A total of 4,268 APRNs completed the survey for a survey response rate of 24% APRNs.

The data quantifies the services APRNs provide, the diversity of APRN specialty areas, the process that is used to bill for these services, the variety of settings where patients receive these specialized services and reimbursement for services.

Key Findings

- Employment: 68% of APRNs work one job full-time (68%), 94% provide direct patient care.
- Employment setting: more (52%) APRNs work in ambulatory non-acute outpatient settings than in hospital acute care settings (32%) settings.
- Diversity: there is more racial and ethnic diversity of APRNs under the age of 45 years in the Illinois workforce.
- Age: The IDFPR Active Licensee database has 18.34% APRNs age 55 years and older. Approximately 32% of APRNs responding to the survey indicated they are over 55 years of age; survey age cohorts for Illinois APRNs in 2022 are similar to those reported 2018, 2020.
- Education: 83% of APRNs have a masters' degree, 18% have a doctoral degree (DNP or PhD).

APRN Workplace Settings

52% Practice in an ambulatory setting – outpatient clinic, private APRN practice, private physician practice, hospital outpatient clinic, etc.

29% Practice in hospital acute care settings, an inpatient unit, the emergency room, etc.

5% Practice in Long Term Care, 5% in public or community settings, 2% palliative care

Diversity

More APRNs under the age of 55 years are from ethnic and racially diverse backgrounds.

More than half of the APRNs with Latinx ethnicity are under 45 years of age.

Approximately half of APRNS with Asian heritage are under 45 years of age.

Approximately forty percent of African American or Black APRNs are under 45 years of age.

APRN Billing/Reimbursement

42% Manage a panel of patients.

43% Bill exclusively under their National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

Reimbursement for services is Medicare (34%), Medicaid (25%), Private Insurance (33%).

Summary

The majority of APRNs are employed full-time in one position providing direct patient care. The majority of APRNs are under 55 years of age, with more ethnic and racial diversity amongst these young APRNs.

Reimbursement for services is divided amongst Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurance. The full report with additional details will be available after December 15, 2023 on the INWC website https://nursing.illinois.gov/resources/data-reports.html