CACNS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE...
THE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST ROLE IN DRIVING CHANGE

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OBJECTIVES: Using lecture and an interactive format the participants will be able to:

1. Briefly discuss the legislative process and steps to getting involved in driving change through influencing legislation, regulation and policy.
2. Describe the NACNS Legislative and Regulatory Toolkit, its purpose and how to access it to assist in driving change.
3. Note 2 key national legislative issues for Clinical Nurse Specialists.
5. Identify at least 2 current state legislative issues.
6. Discuss ideas for future Clinical Nurse Specialist action.

OUTLINE

I. Discussion of the legislative process and how you can make your voice heard on legislative and policy issues.

II. Identification of some of the national legislative, regulatory and policy issues for Clinical Nurse Specialists

III. Overview of the NACNS Legislative and Regulatory Toolkit

IV. Report on the new APRN Advisory Committee, its purpose and charges.

V. Identification of some key California legislative, regulatory and policy issues affecting Nursing, CNSs (and other APRNs), and healthcare.

VI. Discussion: Implications for the future and CNS Action to drive change.