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Feigenholtz Continues Health Care Dialogue at Advocate Nurse Advocacy Council

Feigenholtz highlighted ‘APN law,’ improving patient access to care

CHICAGO – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) addressed over 60 nurses at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Lakeview to discuss the changing nature of health care, and to continue an open dialogue regarding House Bill 421.

HB 421 expanded the ability of Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) to contribute directly to patient care by removing certain barriers that had prevented APNs from practicing to their full potential. Under the new law, there are no longer required written collaborative agreements between APNs and physicians in certain circumstances.

“Written collaborative agreements often delay care, specifically in underserved areas where there are physician shortages. As Illinois’ eligible Medicaid population grows, giving APNs more flexibility improves patient care,” said Feigenholtz. “These changes ultimately improved patient access to care and reduced patient wait times.”

“House Bill 421 allows APNs to practice to the full extent of their education and training,” said Feigenholtz.



Rep. Feigenholtz (center) addresses the crowd of nurses at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

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Rep. Feigenholtz's familiarity with Advocate Illinois Masonic began when she was a small child accompanying her mother, Dr. Florence Buky, on rounds. Dr. Buky was a physician at Illinois Masonic for four decades.

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