

## Key Congressional Committees for Nurses and Healthcare Issues

Senate	House of Representatives
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<p><b>Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:</b> The authorizing committee with jurisdiction over all non-Medicare and non-Medicaid healthcare policy issues.</p>	<p><b>Energy and Commerce Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> The authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over the Medicaid program, Part B of the Medicare program, and all non-Medicare/Medicaid healthcare issues.</p>
<p><b>Finance Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> The authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid.</p>	<p><b>Ways and Means Committee and its Health Subcommittee:</b> The authorizing committee with policy jurisdiction over the Medicare program (shares jurisdiction over certain parts of Medicare with the House Energy &amp; Commerce committee).</p>

If your Representative or either of your Senators sits on one of these key committees, your participation in **advocacy** is even more important because these members play key roles in crafting, advancing, or defeating legislative proposals of concern to NANN,

NANNP, and nursing in general. To learn which committees your members of Congress serve on, visit the [House](#) or [Senate](#) websites.

## House Nursing Caucus

A House Nursing Caucus was established in January 2003 to educate Congress on the issues important to nurses and the impact nurses have on other important health care issues. Currently, Representatives Lois Capps (CA) and Steve LaTourette (OH) are the co-chairs.

### Members of the 112th House Nursing Caucus:

State/Districts/Territories	Members
Alabama	<b>None</b>
Alaska	<b>None</b>
Arizona	Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
Arkansas	Mike Ross (D-AR)
California	Joe Baca (D-CA) Lois Capps (D-CA) Dennis Cardoza (D-CA) Xavier Becerra (D-CA) Susan Davis (D-CA) Anna Eshoo (D-CA) Elton Gallegly (R-CA) Wally Herger (R-CA) Darrell Issa (R-CA) Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) Doris Matsui (D-CA) Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) Grace Napolitano (D-CA) Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) Pete Stark (D-CA) Mike Thompson (D-CA) Henry Waxman (D-CA) Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)
Colorado	<b>None</b>
Connecticut	Joe Courtney (D-CT) Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

Delaware	<b>None</b>
District of Columbia	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
Florida	<b>None</b>
Georgia	Henry Johnson (D-GA) John Lewis (D-GA)
Guam	Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)
Hawaii	Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
Idaho	<b>None</b>
Illinois	Jerry Costello (D-IL) Danny Davis (D-IL) Dan Lipinski (D-IL) Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
Indiana	Andre Carson (D-IN)
Iowa	Leonard Boswell (D-IA) Bruce Braley (D-IA) Tom Latham (R-IA) David Loebsack (D-IA)
Kansas	<b>None</b>
Kentucky	Ben Chandler (D-KY) Brett Guthrie (R-KY) Ed Whitfield (R-KY) John Yarmuth (D-KY)
Louisiana	Rodney Alexander (R-LA)
Maine	Michael Michaud (D-ME)
Mariana Islands	Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-Northern Mariana Islands)
Maryland	Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Elijah Cummings (D-MD) Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Massachusetts	Michael Capuano (D-MA) Stephen Lynch (D-MA) Richard Neal (D-MA) John Olver (D-MA)
Michigan	Dale Kildee (D-MI) Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI) Candice Miller (R-MI)
Minnesota	Tim Walz (D-MN)
Mississippi	Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)
Missouri	Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)
Montana	Dennis Rehburg (R-MT)
Nebraska	Lee Terry (R-NE)
Nevada	<b>None</b>
New Hampshire	<b>None</b>
New Jersey	Rush Holt (D-NJ) Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) Frank Pallone (D-NJ) William Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) Steve Rothman (D-NJ) Christopher Smith (R-NJ)
New Mexico	<b>None</b>
New York	Eliot Engel (D-NY) Richard Hannah (R-NY) Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) Nita Lowey (D-NY) Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) Charles Rangel (D-NY)

North Carolina	Howard Coble (R-NC) Renee Ellmers (R-NC) Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Brad Miller (D-NC) David Price (D-NC) Heath Shuler (D-NC)
North Dakota	<b>None</b>
Ohio	Steve LaTourette (R-OH) Tim Ryan (D-OH) Steve Stivers (R-OH) Betty Sutton (D-OH) Patrick Tiberi (R-OH)
Oklahoma	<b>None</b>
Oregon	Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
Pennsylvania	Jason Altmire (D-PA) Mike Doyle (D-PA) Tim Holden (D-PA) Todd Platts (R-PA) Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) Bill Shuster (R-PA)
Puerto Rico	Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)
Rhode Island	Jim Langevin (D-RI)
South Carolina	<b>None</b>
South Dakota	<b>None</b>
Tennessee	Diane Black (R-TN) Steve Cohen (D-TN) Jim Cooper (D-TN)

Texas	Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) Mike Conaway (R-TX) Gene Green (D-TX) Charles Gonzalez (D-TX) Gene Green (D-TX) Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) Pete Sessions (R-TX)
Utah	Jim Matheson (D-UT)
Vermont	Peter Welch (D-VT)
Virgin Islands	Donna Christensen (D-VI)
Virginia	Randy Forbes (R-VA) Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) James Moran (D-VA)
Washington	Jim McDermott (D-WA) Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) Adam Smith (D-WA)
West Virginia	Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) David McKinley (R-WV) Nick Rahall II (D-WV)
Wisconsin	Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Wyoming	Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)

## Senate Nursing Caucus

A Senate Nursing Caucus was established on March 25, 2010 to educate Senators on the issues important to nurses and the impact nurses have on other important health care issues. Currently, Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Mike Johanns (R-NE), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) are the co-chairs.

### Members of the 112th Senate Nursing Caucus:

Only **Hawaii** - Daniel Inouye (D), **Iowa** - Tom Harkin (D), **Maine** - Susan Collins (R) and Olympia Snowe (R), **Maryland** - Barbara Mikulski (D), **Michigan** - Debbie Stabenow (D), **Minnesota** - Al Franken (D), **Nebraska** - Mike Johanns (R), **Oregon** - Jeff Merkley (D), and **Vermont** - Bernard Sanders (I) are represented in the caucus.