

ADVOCACY TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Governmental Affairs

- Register to vote
- Identify your state and federal legislators and their phone numbers
- Subscribe to and *read* a good state newspaper- not just the local news. Federal updates are usually on the second or third page.

State news

- Locate the web site for your state government; there will be updates on state legislation
- Locate the web page for the state nurses association; they may have updates that are helpful
- The local newspaper will have updates on how your state rep and senator voted on a particular issue
- Determine if your state rep and senator have office hours in your community, often at the town hall, and make a point of visiting them and identifying yourself as a registered nurse

Federal news

- Helpful web sites are listed on the ASPAN web page
- Find a web site that you like and keep current on that one; it can make things less confusing
- Check <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote>
- Contact our GA rep for addition assistance or information

