

WEEK 7 Policy Discussion

- Explanation of how healthcare policy can impact the advanced practice nurse profession:
- Explanation of why advocacy is considered an essential component of the advanced practice nurse's role:
- Discuss the four pillars of Transformational leadership and the effect it may have on influencing policy change:
- A scholarly resource must be used for EACH discussion question each week.

- **Explanation of how healthcare policy can impact the advanced practice nurse profession:**

Healthcare policies affect resource allocation to support the delivery of healthcare for patients. Not only are there state-level regulations that influence APN practice, but also at a federal level. After the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), millions of Americans gained access to healthcare, creating a need for primary healthcare providers throughout the nation (Barnes, Brooks Carthon, & Altares Sarik, 2015). Additionally, the ACA provided nurse practitioners funding for education, training, and