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Representative Townsend:

Thank you for speaking with me by phone earlier today. I have reviewed H684 and it appears that it will remove the requirement for collaboration and supervision for APRN's if they have worked a defined number of clinical hours.

I was adjunct clinical faculty at George Washington University and precepted medical students as well as physician assistant and nurse practitioner students for nearly 15 years. While I have worked with many outstanding PA's and APRN's, I want to emphasize that the training physicians receive is far more extensive - both in hours and in critical decision-making - than that received by mid-level practitioners. The training programs are simply not equivalent, and I believe that to allow APRN's to begin solo practice as soon as they complete their formal training puts their patients at increased risk.

I have queried a number of experienced mid-level providers on this issue and they all agree that it took them several additional years to gain the competence, experience, and confidence to practice without any supervision or formal collaboration. I want to emphasize that this is not about turf battles - it is about keeping Vermonters healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Louis Meyers, M.D.

Sent from my iPhone