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Senator Ayer -

VNPA has had conversations with VMS regarding the Collaborative Practice Agreement language as passed by the House. At this point we have been unable to come to an agreement on language that would address the concerns of all parties involved.

We respectfully ask that you support the language as introduced in the House, which removes the Practice Guidelines and Collaborative Practice Agreement requirements.

If the will of the committee is to not support the language as introduced, we would respectfully request that the committee supports the striking of the Practice Guidelines and the following language dealing with Collaborative Practice Agreements.

26 V.S.A. § 1613. TRANSITION TO PRACTICE

(a) Graduates An APRN with fewer than 24 months and 2,400 hours of licensed active advanced nursing practice in an initial role and population focus or fewer than 12 months and ~~1,600~~ 1,200 hours for any additional role and population focus shall have be required in accordance with Board rule to:

(1) establish a formal agreement with a collaborating provider as required by board rule. APRNs shall have and maintain signed and dated copies of all required collaborative provider agreements as part of the practice guidelines. An APRN required to practice with a collaborative provider agreement may not engage in solo practice, except with regard to a role and population focus in which the APRN has met the requirements of this subsection; or

(2) document that the APRN's place of employment is a clinic, hospital, or practice group that employs two or more additional individuals who have been licensed for four or more years to practice medicine under chapter 23 or 33 of this title or advanced practice registered nursing under this chapter

I am traveling Wed-Fri and will not be in the State House but will be available to respond to emails. Deborah will be available by phone during your testimony this morning.

Best,

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