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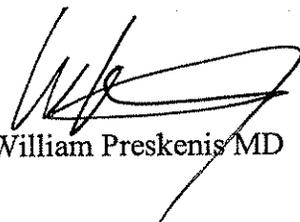
Re: Public Health House Bill #7161

I am William Preskenis and I am a physician in a practice who has employed nurse practitioners since 1998. . I am dually boarded as an internist as well as a pulmonary specialist. My practice utilizes a written collaborative agreement as per state statute.

I would like to describe collaboration as it occurs between the nurse practitioners and the physicians in our office. Collaboration occurs on a case by case basis as warranted by clinical necessity when a patient condition requires knowledge beyond the scope of practice of the nurse practitioner. The nurse practitioner assesses and treats the patients in our practice including the prescribing of all necessary medication.

A scenario that might require collaboration would include a patient requiring a complex diagnosis or a hospital admission. Our nurse practitioners also collaborate with other specialties outside of our practice such as gynecologists, surgeons and other specialists as the needs of the patient dictates. The removal of the written collaborative agreement would not change our office practice, except more clearly reflect our current practice.

Sincerely



William Preskenis MD