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RE: SHIRLEY SAMY, APRN's testimony in SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 414

AAC ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES' CERTIFICATION OR SIGNATURE

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Committee members, thank you for raising this bill. I needed to tell you how important this is to continuity of care for my patients. I have been an Adult Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care in CT for over 15years. The regulations requiring physician signatures on documents of patients that do not see or know of only adds to confusion on the part of the patient, the practice and the payor. When a primary care provider is an APRN, it only makes sense that the APRN is signing the certification documents for the patient she/he cares for regularly. This is physician requirement only leads to errors by the practice and the provider of service. Let us truly care for the patient in a centered medical home and reduce the regulations that interrupt that continuity. This bill will do just that. Once again, thank you for raising this bill.

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