

I would like to express my extreme objection as well as concern regarding Bill SB36. We are one of the largest pain practices in the state of Connecticut, where we have five physician pain specialist and five mid-level pain practitioners (APRN's/PA's) on staff; I can strongly state that quality of care as well as patient safety would be markedly compromised with unsupervised mid-level providers in the field of pain management. APRN and CRNA Mid-level providers lack an overall educational understanding, technical training and overall experience to adequately address and treat any moderate to more complex patients. Our mid-level providers, who have many years of experience, need to continually discuss patients with a physician in order to appropriately diagnose and treat a patient. If you were to ask the majority of all mid-level providers on their overall comfort level in diagnosing and treating any moderate or complex pain management patient, most of them, if being honest, would feel very unsettled in making any diagnostic or therapeutic plans without the ability to consult with a supervising physician. And rightfully so.

Once again, I strongly oppose Bill SB36.

I would also be happy to provide you with my additional insight to this serious issue.

Sincerely,

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