



## Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants

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**CONNECTICUT ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
TESTIMONY REGARDING SENATE BILL 296  
REGARDING MEDICAL ORDERS WRITTEN BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MARCH 5, 2014**

Chairpersons Gerratana and Johnson and members of the Committee, as representative of the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants (ConnAPA) the only state organization representing the 1,988 licensed Connecticut PAs and one of three professions authorized to practice medicine in Connecticut, I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 296.

This bill would eliminate the statutory requirement that any order written by a physician assistant in a hospital setting be accompanied by the printed name of the supervising physician. It has been reported to ConnAPA by PAs and their supervising physicians that this requirement is redundant and burdensome as hospitals have the authority to proscribe how PAs may practice within the hospital setting.

Since PAs are recognized and credentialed by the appropriate hospital administrative entity and since the PA and the supervising physician are identified in the PA's application for hospital privileges and since the application contains the authority delegated by the physician to the PA there is no need for every order written by the PA to restate the printed name of the supervising physician.

In a time of necessary attention being paid to time wasting duplications this issue is an easy one to resolve.

Thank for you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Turczak, MPS, PA-C