

Testimony of: Michelle Brady, CMA (AAMA)
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An Act Concerning Medical Assistants

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Michelle Brady, I have been a member of the American Association of Medical Assistants for 21 years. I earned my Associates degrees in Science and Medical Assisting from Quinnebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Ct. in 1994. I've worked at the Pediatric Center at Day Kimball Hospital, Woodstock medical primary care in Woodstock, CT. and presently at Generations Family Health Center a Community Health Center in Eastern, Ct, for eighteen years. As part of my education in Medical Assisting I had to take two semesters of Anatomy and Physiology, and one semester each of Pharmacology and the administration of medications for inhaled, oral medications, and. including the administration of intradermal, intramuscular ,and subcutaneous injections on the ages of newborn up to 99 years of age.

I Believe that in my situation occasions represent themselves often when an LPN at our site is absent from work due to illness or vacation and there is that event when a patient would be able to receive their much needed immunization, tetanus, or flu shot just to name a few. They could have been prevented from coming back for another appointment and waste the money of the state Medicare or Medicaid coffers on a medical cab and visit fees. There is also a great need for trained medical assistants to administer oxygen and nebulizer treatments in emergencies in the absence of the LPN and the assistance of need during heart attacks and exacerbation of asthma attacks when these agents are necessary at that precise moment.

Just this week a 44 year old male patient presented with chest pain and sweating and after being directed to perform an EKG on this male the physician interpreted from the EKG that he was having a heart attack. To take care of this patient he needed the administration of Aspirin and oxygen. The physician needed to call 911 and give a detailed report while someone was attending to the patient, *there was no time to waste and the nurse was on her lunch time. The successful outcome of this patient depended on these steps immediately.*

Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to pass Bill No. SB981. If I can be of any help contact me at mrbrady613@gmail.com

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