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**Subject:** BORN: 244 CMR 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and 10.00

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To Whom It May Concern: I have been a Registered Nurse for 15 years, working in Intensive Care at Norwood Hospital. The changes you propose are dangerous. Only a registered nurse has the education and, more importantly, the assessment skills needed to safely administer medication. Medications should not be give without understanding what they are for or without knowing or understanding the intended benefit or potential for harm. It is not as a roll of Lifesavers are being distributed.... "A yellow one for you, a red one for the other...oh, you don't like yellow, ok, how about a green one?" The medication regime of the today's patients are very complicated and require a lot of critical thinking skills, as your trained, professional RN has worked hard to assimilate into his/her practice.

I am against the proposed changes as drafted.

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