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From: Susan M Rosa, RN To: Governor C. Baker

Re: BORN Public Hearing Regarding Changes to Regulations on Medication Administration

As a Public Health Nurse in a suburban community, I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the regulations regarding medication administration. The proposal not only lacks foresight but seems to further dilute the safe practices currently in place for medication administration at a time when we need to steel the role of the Nursing profession in order to recruit and retain nurses to the field.

The proposal is contrary to the IOM (Institute of Medicine) call for more nurses, not less and this proposal will surely discourage potential growth in our field.

Medication errors under the current MAP Program serve individuals in residential settings where, by definition, they are familiar with the 6 or 8 individuals to whom they are entrusted. To expand this to all health care settings is a tragic and short sighted attempt as a cost saving measure and a myopic fix to a shortage of nurses in acute and chronic care settings. Regulations are in place for health, for safety and for order. This proposal is an example of how changes to regulations in health care impact the quality of care that patients require most especially in acute care settings.

Please do not make any changes to regulations currently in place for the health and well-being of patients and for the profession of nursing. We are making progress in bringing more nurses into the field and this measure not only undermines that effort, but does so at the expense of patient safety.

Thank you

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