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I am writing to oppose the Board of Registration in Nursing's nursing regulations as drafted.

The proposed changes could allow the health care industry to start using unlicensed people to administer medication to all patients in all settings. If that happened, hundreds of thousands of patients could be endangered. Registered Nurses are the first line of defense in patient safety. Yes, we take orders from the MD, but it is the responsibility of the RN to double check and make sure prescribed medication is appropriate, safe and dosed correctly based on weight, physiology, interactions and medical condition. We learned this in school and through years of experience both in clinical situations being monitored for your first year of practice and then continuing our career and learning something new every single day. Med administration is not something that can be implemented by any individual without the appropriate education. This exponentially compromises patient safety and would be the basis of valid law suits and convictions. These consequences would affect the worker giving medications without a license, the employer and the patient's family. Registered Nurses took an oath to "Do No Harm". We are highly educated professionals that practice ethics and follow the Code of Nursing. We can lawfully administer medications. An employee administering medication without a license is a violation of the law.

Please approve final regulations that ensure safe medication administration for all patients. Right now, except in two limited circumstances, only licensed nurses can administer medication in every setting. That ensures patient safety because medication administration involves much more than just dispensing medication.It involves knowledge about anatomy, physiology and drug interactions that demand the skilled assessment and monitoring that nurses provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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