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Dear Ms Staffanic:

I am writing to again express my concern with the decision the PA State Board of Nursing has taken with regard to the required continuing education bill. I am a Registered Nurse (licensed in multiple states) currently practicing in PA and Find myself distressed that PA has segregated the nursing profession, "silently" stating that nurses at the bedside, passing medications, doing treatments (usually the Licensed Practical Nurse) are not required to show proof of continued education thru CEU's as are registered nurses, (yet we entrust the care of residents, elderly and patients to them).

As a State, PA, is considering changing the terminology so Licensed Practical Nurses can do "Assessments"; also considering expanding their ability with IV therapy (especially in Home care), yet we DO NOT REQUIRE THEIR CONTINUED EDUCATION?

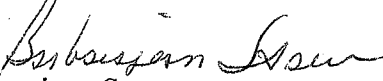
Why as a state would you want to divide the profession and "value "the RN only?

All states that I am licensed in, "Nurses" are required to complete CEU's for their License renewal ..NOT PA!

In speaking with individuals in the community, and pleading the cause, are you not surprised that now individuals are looking to have only RN's provide ALL care? If and when I need medical attention, I will.

PA you have brought this on yourself, but since the ruling is not final can we not Add the Licensed Practical Nurse verbage? ALL NURSES NEED Continuing Education!

Sincerely,


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