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Dr. Charles D. Hummer, Jr.
Chairperson
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RE: Proposed Regulation
State Board of Medicine
16A-4926: Nurse Midwife Prescriptive Authority

Dear Chairperson Hummer:

As the Chairs of the Professional Licensure Committee, we would like to submit our additional written comments to the Board regarding the Nurse Midwife Prescriptive Authority Regulations, 16A-4926.

In §18.1, Definitions, the definition of a midwife reads "A person licensed by the Board to practice midwifery in collaboration with a physician licensed by the Board to practice medicine." The regulation, as drafted, prohibits nurse midwives to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians licensed under the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. We respectfully suggest that in §18.1, be altered to include physicians licensed by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. We also suggest this reference to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine be made in §18.5, Collaborative agreements.

Sincerely,

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William F. Adolph, Jr.
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