



To: Members of the Ohio House and Aging Committee

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Re: SB 110

We are writing on behalf of the OSMA's 20,000 members as an interested party to SB 110, a bill that would allow certain advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) to delegate the ability to administer drugs to those not otherwise authorized to do so.

OSMA's position on SB 110 is neutral. Under current Ohio law a physician may delegate the ability to administer a drug; and registered nurses and licensed practical nurses may also delegate the authority to administer drugs in limited circumstances. This legislation would simply allow an APRN to do the same.

In the Senate Health and Human Services committee SB 110 was amended to incorporate SB 55, which modifies the scope of practice of a Physician Assistant (PA). We would like to express our full support of SB 55 and support this legislation being part of SB 110.

The OSMA worked closely with the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants and other stakeholders the past few years to craft a bill that reasonably addresses the existing laws regarding physician supervision of a PA. This process is the perfect example of both sides coming together to address dated scope of practice laws and creating a solution everyone supports. That solution keeps the physician as the quarterback of the coordinated care team but allows the PA to operate successfully at the top of their scope, thus providing quality care to more Ohioans.

Thank you for your consideration of the OSMA's views on SB 110 and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

Regards,

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