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**TO: Chairperson Kenneth Simons, MD, and Members of the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board**  
**FROM: Gina Dennik-Champion, MSN, RN, MSHA**  
**Executive Director Wisconsin Nurses Association**  
**DATE: January 20, 2016**  
**RE: Proposed Administrative Code. MEB 24 – Telemedicine**

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The Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) appreciate the opportunity to submit our opinion regarding the proposed Administrative Rule, MEB 24. WNA members are registered and advanced practice nurses many of who practice in settings that utilize telehealth to enhance patient outcomes. These settings include primary, emergency, psychiatric, orthopedic, critical care and long term care to name a few.

WNA finds that the use of telehealth continues to increase and with that patient access to care is more timely, efficient, high quality and cost-effective. Nurses are finding the use of telehealth services benefiting patients from both rural and population dense areas of our State.

WNA's most important concern regarding the current proposed rule is the focus on medical practice which is appropriate coming from the medical board, However telehealth is utilized by many health care practitioners and the discussion needs to and should have a more interprofessional discussion so that a broader application can result.

WNA would like to suggest that the proposed rule be delayed so that an interprofessional group of healthcare providers can convene, collaborate and deliver a broader telehealth strategy for Wisconsin. Our members are more than willing to actively participate in this discussion.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of WNA's request. We thank you Dr. Simons and the Members of the Medical Examining Board for you time, energy and leadership on this issue. You have identified a topic that requires greater review and participation by Wisconsin's health care providers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.