



TO: Peter J. Kallio, Chairperson and Members of the State of Wisconsin Board of Nursing
FROM: Gina Dennik-Champion, MSN, RN, MSHA,
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DATE: April 9, 2020
RE: Wisconsin Nurses Association Support of Board of Nursing Scope Statement SS 014-20
– N 1 to 8, Relating to Requirements in Emergency Situations

On behalf of the Wisconsin Nurses Association Board of Directors I want to thank you Chairperson Kallio and members of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing for allowing me to provide comment on the proposed Scope Statement 014-20. WNA applauds your efforts in identifying and acting on those specific Administrative Rules that support increasing the supply of registered nurses during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

We want to acknowledge that your actions provided guidance to Governor Evers in his issuance of Executive Order #16. The Governor's provisions addressed your concerns related to; reciprocal licensure for nurses, including advanced practice nurses, who are licensed in another state to come and practice in Wisconsin; an expedited licensure renewal process for nurses wanting to re-enter the nursing workforce to support the increase demand; clinical educational requirements for nursing students; allowing more simulation to be used for clinical hours of nursing students; temporary licensure for graduate registered nurses and graduate practical nurses; and suspension of the supervision and licensure requirements for advanced practice nurses in particular the collaboration requirements found in N8.10(2) and N8.10(7).

WNA supports the Board's further action to develop Scope Statement 014-20. This process will provide greater opportunity to conduct a more comprehensive review of the Administrative Rules N1 - N8 with the objective of establishing waivers and alternate requirements that the Board may utilize to respond to future emergency situations.

We look forward to your upcoming deliberations and feel assured that the outcome of your work will be good for Wisconsinites as it will support access to timely, safe, and quality nursing care.

Thank you again for providing WNA the opportunity to provide comment.