



August 25, 2021

Loretta Melby, RN, MSN
Executive Office
California Board of Registered Nursing
Board of Registered Nursing
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 150
Sacramento, CA 95834-1924

Re: Assembly Bill 890 Implementation – Patient Protection

Dear Executive Director Melby –

Diligencias respectfully requests that the following recommendations are incorporated into regulations that will be developed to implement AB 890 (Wood). AB 890 allows nurse practitioners to perform limited procedures without doctor supervision. AB 890 does not require the same educational, residency and training requirements that medical doctors must complete in order to practice medicine which is a concern for our low-income communities of color. The California Board of Registered Nursing must ensure that adequate regulations are adopted to ensure that all communities, regardless of economic status or race receive adequate care.

We represent low-income Californians in rural and urban areas that are in need of quality health care services. Many of the individuals that we serve and represent are challenged by poverty, food insecurity, violence, language barriers and are underinsured and unemployed. All Californians, regardless of race or economic status, should have access to high quality health care to live a long life. Poverty has been linked to death and disease and having wealth and a higher income provide material benefits such as healthier living conditions and access to health care.

AB 890 states that “A nurse practitioner shall verbally inform all new patients in a language understandable to the patient that a nurse practitioner is not a physician and surgeon. For purposes of Spanish language speakers, the nurse practitioner shall use the standardized phrase “enfermera especializada.” We strongly believe that a verbal disclosure is not enough to make a patient aware that they are not receiving services from a doctor. Regulations should require a written disclosure and a post in each location where the nurse practitioner practices, in an area that is likely to be seen by all persons who enter the office. The written disclosure should be in a language understandable by the patient.

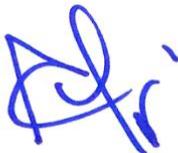
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- Nurse practitioners must have an adequate education and training that will give confidence to communities and ensure patients receive safe, high-quality care.
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- Patients should have a right to receive this information from a nurse practitioner without request. Placing such disclosure requirements on the nurse practitioner will ensure that all patients, and especially those in low-income communities, receive critical information about their care. The ability of a patient to receive these critical patient safety and consumer protection safeguards should not depend on their understanding of the healthcare system.
- Discipline and enforcement must be sufficiently developed and in place immediately to ensure that no patient is more susceptible to patient safety concerns and lower standards of care simply because they are being treated by a nurse practitioner.

Our communities continue to face predatory practices by businesses because of language barriers and limited economic resources. For instance, our immigrant communities are offered immigration legal services by individuals that are not licensed to practice law. Our communities face predatory lending services and are targets of fraud by many unscrupulous businesses. We cannot create a second tier of health care which would have negative impacts in our communities. Our communities deserve to have the option to see a medical doctor when they are seeking medical services. We respectfully request a meeting with the staff to discuss our concerns.

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Lino Alberto Bastida Gutierrez
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Fredy Lopez
Casa del Diabetico



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Rosa Posadas
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