



April 23, 2021

The Honorable Sherry Dorsey Walker  
Chair, House Sunset Committee (Policy Analysis & Government Accountability)  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

**Re: House Bill 21 & House Bill 141**

Dear Chairwoman Dorsey Walker:

The Alliance for Connected Care (the Alliance) is an advocacy organization dedicated to facilitating the delivery of high-quality care using connected care technology. Our members are leading health care and technology companies from across the health care spectrum, representing insurers, health systems and technology innovators, and our Advisory Board includes more than 25 patient and provider groups.

We are writing to express our support for House Bill 21 and its companion bill, House Bill 141. House Bill 21 would adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact. Under this compact, Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) licensed in a Compact member state may practice in another Compact member state, allowing APRNs to have one multistate license with the ability to practice in all Compact states without having to obtain additional licenses. House Bill 141 would align the Delaware Board of Nursing statute with the APRN Compact to advance APRN practice through eliminating barriers such as collaborative practice agreements and granting full practice authority in conjunction with licensure to improve access to care for Delaware patients.

As a telehealth advocacy organization, the Alliance believes APRNs are an essential component to expanding access to care through the use of telehealth, especially for patients who live in underserved communities who may not have access to services they need where they reside. APRNs have also been critical to expanding access to care throughout the pandemic. One of the biggest barriers to telehealth becoming a regular patient and provider choice is the administrative burden caused by the variation in licensure requirements from state to state.

The APRN Compact would help alleviate such administrative burdens through establishing multistate compacts that have reciprocity and that do not require additional licensing, while simultaneously helping to improve patient access to quality health care. Additionally, removing the requirement for collaborative practice agreements for licensure purposes through House Bill 141 would allow APRNs to practice at the top of their licenses, allowing them to use all their education and training to care for patients. As such, both House Bill 21 and House Bill 141 would help to improve continuity of care, increase licensure portability for APRNs, and increase consumer access to health care in the state of Delaware.

We hope the House Sunset Committee will support House Bill 21 and House Bill 141. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to working with you on this important effort. Please contact Casey Osgood at 203-536-5865 or [casey.osgood@connectwithcare.org](mailto:casey.osgood@connectwithcare.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista Drobac". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Drobac  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Connected Care