



**TESTIMONY  
OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 4, 2003**

**SB 250, An Act Concerning Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) supports **SB 250, An Act Concerning Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**, which would amend section 20-87a of the general statutes to clarify that registered nurses may act under the direction of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). Connecticut statutes authorize APRNs to perform a variety of functions similar to physicians, including ordering medications and diagnostic tests. Section 20-87a, however, currently only allows registered nurses to carry out the orders of a physician, not an advanced practice registered nurse. SB 250 will resolve this inconsistency and allow registered nurses to carry out the orders of APRNs, which is in the best interest of efficient patient care.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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