

Memorandum

To: House Health Care Committee
From: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American College of Nurse Midwives – Vermont Chapter
Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association
Date: March 28, 2019
Re: S. 42 - An act relating to requiring at least one member of the Green Mountain Care Board to be a health care professional

The Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists (VTANA), the American college of Nurse Midwives-Vermont Chapter, and the Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association are Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) organizations in Vermont. APRNs are cost-effective direct line service providers with a keen interest in access to affordable, cost effective health care.

We share the goals of the GMCB of ensuring quality, affordable health care to all Vermonters, with any eye towards reducing waste and controlling costs. As health care providers, we work closely with the Board to enhance transparency and consumer involvement. On a daily basis, APRNs come face-to-face with the impact and the outcomes of the decisions implemented by the GMCB..

Currently, there is no requirement that the Board's composition include a health care professional. Given the purpose and responsibilities of the GMCB, which are entirely related to health care, ***it is important that at least one member of the GMCB be a health care professional.***

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.