



# Governance Report ★ May 2016

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On April 11<sup>th</sup> we became aware that the DPH has issued an Advisory Ruling (AR) related to Nurse Practitioners performing fluoroscopy. The AR does not require examination or licensing.

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/nursing/nursing-practice/advisory-rulings/first-assistant-in-cardiac-catheterization.html>

Under current regulations, 105 CMR 405 (K) (9) NP's may operate fluoroscopy equipment when acting as the first assistant in cardiac cath labs under the direct supervision of a qualified physician.

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/regs/105cmr120-400.pdf>

AR 0201 was very broadly interpreted by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) to allow to be fluoroscopy to be performed by NP's without certification or licensing, not only in cardiac cath labs but in other and areas as well:

*"Clarify that CNPs may operate fluoroscopic systems in the capacity as first assistant in cardiac catheterization procedures. In addition, CNPs may operate fluoroscopic systems in clinical areas beyond the cardiac catheterization laboratory in order to produce and display serial x-ray images for the purpose of observing real-time motion of anatomical structures in order to safely perform diagnostic or therapeutic interventional procedures. Employer policies and procedures direct the education and training requirements of the CNP who operate fluoroscopic systems"*

<http://www.mcnpweb.org/news/283673/BORN-News--Revised-Ruling-on-Nurse-Practitioner-as-First-Assistant-in-Cardiac-Catheterization.htm>

On April 27<sup>th</sup> Nancy Pat & Dave met with staff in the office of DPH Commissioner Bharel's office to discuss our opposition to AR 0201. Their verbal response during the meeting was favorable, indicating that they would suggest revision and clarification to include at least the same standards currently applied to PA's in 105 CMR 405 (K) (9). As of May 9<sup>th</sup> we are waiting for follow-up.

**H1996/S1207** "interpretation of tests by nurse practitioners "extended until 6/22/16. There is a possibility that the bills will be revised.

<http://www.mcnpweb.org/news/286770/H.-1996S.-1207-Granted-Extension-Order-Until-6222016.htm>

## **H1189/S1163**

NP's "the selection, ordering and administration of tests and therapeutics"

<b>S1133</b>	Creates a CT task force	Study Order
<b>S1135</b>	Establishes a medical dosimetrist commission.	Study Order

## **MA H 1965**

Credentialing of Sonographers and Vascular Technologists. Reporting date extended to Thursday June 30, 2016, pending concurrence

## **H4048**

Medical Physicist Board Favorable - Referred to Healthcare Financing

## **RT Licensing Regulations**



RCP reports that update based upon testimony presented to the DPH hearing have been made and are awaiting scheduling on the PHC agenda. The next PHC meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Hampshire**

Licensing signed into law by Governor on May 9<sup>th</sup>



Creates licensure standards for radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, magnetic resonance technologists, radiologist assistants, limited x-ray machine operators and sonographers.

## **MARCA Bill**

HR4614 Currently has 24 co-sponsors **none** from Massachusetts.