



Memo In Support A6030-B Paulin/S6886 Rivera

The New York Organization for Nursing Leadership (NYONL) **strongly supports A6030B/S6886**, which would allow registered nurses (RNs) to provide services and care to patients using standing orders, or non-patient specific orders for the care of a patient in a hospital.

Examples of procedures specified in the bill, that may be administered by an RN include but are not limited to:

- Electrocardiograms for patients that meet Acute Cardiac Syndrome criteria as defined by American Heart Association guidelines
- Point-of-care glucose screenings for patients with suspected hypoglycemia
- Sepsis lab panels and intravenous access for patients that meet severe sepsis and septic shock criteria
- Pregnancy tests for patients of childbearing capacity undergoing select imaging studies and procedures.

Passage of this bill would allow the RN to implement a standing order under the direction of an attending practitioner, in the absence of specific direction by an attending practitioner, or if in the RN's judgement the standing order for the patient is clinically appropriate and consistent with the standing order, hospital policies and applicable regulations.

Not only does this allow for timely delivery of care to the patient, it also allows the RN to practice to the top of licensure and education, by easing regulations to facilitate practice. Further, standing orders relieve moral distress on the part of RNs, allowing them to do what they know needs to be done to facilitate care and optimize patient safety.

For these reasons, the 600+ nurse leader members of NYONL strongly support A6030B/S6886 and urge its swift passage.