



LOUISIANA SENATE

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SENATOR MORRELL ISSUES LETTER TO LOUISIANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER PROPOSED NURSE PRACTITIONER RESTRICTIONS

FEARS PROPOSAL WILL FURTHER LIMIT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

District 3 State Senator JP Morrell is urging the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to defer action on a proposal to restrict the ability of nurse practitioners to provide care to Louisiana families.

“The short-sightedness of the Medical Board to restrict the ability of nurse practitioners to provide services as stand-alone healthcare providers reduces access to care for families across Louisiana,” said Sen. Morrell. “This is especially true for low-income and rural families who heavily rely on nurse practitioners for their healthcare needs.”

Sen. Morrell says that the proposal will effectively prohibit nurse practitioners from providing health care without the presence of a physician. He requests that the rule change be denied at least until the State Legislature can clarify what a nurse practitioner can and cannot do.

A public hearing will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the office of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to discuss the proposed ‘Physician Collaboration with Advanced Practice Registered Nurses’ rules.

Sen. Morrell’s letter to the board is attached and will be available on Sen. Morrell’s legislative website. For more information, please contact Sen. Morrell’s office at 504.284.4794.

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