



February 8, 2023

Rep. Amy Regier
Committee of Human Services
PO Box 10466
Kalispell, MT 59904

For Support/Comment Letters: HB 409

Dear Rep. Reiger,

On behalf of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA), I am writing to express strong support of HB 409: Adopt advance practice nurse compact. ATA is pleased to see Montana take an important step towards adopting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) compact and expanding access to care and telehealth services.

As the only organization completely focused on advancing telehealth, the ATA is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable and appropriate care when and where they need it, enabling the system to do more good for more people. The ATA represents a broad and inclusive member network of technology solution providers and payers, as well as partner organizations and alliances, working to advance industry adoption of telehealth, promote responsible policy, advocate for government and market normalization, and provide education and resources to help integrate virtual care into emerging value-based delivery models.

The title of APRN is inclusive of nurse practitioners (NP), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified nurse midwives (CNM) and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA). They are registered nurses (RN) educated at the master's or post master's level and in a specific role and patient population. The APRN Compact allows nurses to have one multistate license, in his or her state of residency, that grants the privilege to practice in other participating states, both physically and remotely using telehealth. Utilizing telehealth nursing improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients, especially those in underserved communities who may not have access otherwise. This is particularly important to enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century nursing care across state lines using digital health technologies.

We applaud your efforts for taking action to advance this vital legislation and encourage all legislators, including members of the Committee of Human Services to advance the APRN compact legislation.

We believe the APRN compact not only would continue to protect patients but also would help drive better care coordination and healthcare outcomes for constituents throughout the state. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss ATA's perspective on this critical issue, please contact me at kzebley@americantelemed.org.

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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular background.

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