

HB 633 -- COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS

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This bill authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse and a collaborating physician to enter into agreements allowing an advance practice registered nurse to communicate with the collaborating physician or designated physician either in person or electronically for consultation when diagnosing and treating acutely or chronically ill or injured patients.

The bill requires a report regarding an acutely or chronically ill or injured patient to be filed with the patient's primary health care provider within 14 days of the encounter. If a patient does not have a primary care provider, the advance practice registered nurse is required to provide the patient with a list of physicians in the area which are accepting new patients.

The bill makes it the responsibility of the collaborating physician to determine that the advanced practice registered nurse has the ability to competently perform a delegated medical act by documenting the completion of a sufficient period of time during which the advanced practice registered nurse must practice with the collaborating physician continuously present before practicing in a setting where the collaborating physician is not continuously present. The collaborating physician will, in his or her own discretion, determine the appropriate length of time that the advanced practice registered nurse will practice with the collaborative physician present.