



Statement of Dana Northway, RDH
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Insurance and Real Estate Committee
LCO 3614, An Act Concerning Telehealth

Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

My name is Dana Northway. I am a Registered Dental Hygienist practicing in Connecticut.

The American Dental Hygienists' Association-CT would like to offer comments on LCO 3614, *An Act Concerning Telehealth*. We understand that the committee would like to take the policy changes to the telehealth law that were issued by Governor Lamont through Executive Orders 7G, 7DD, 7FF, and extend them through June 30, 2021.

ADHA-CT believes our members can assist in treating patients remotely through telehealth. We would request to be included in this legislation for that purpose. We would note that a number of healthcare professions that currently are not included in the telehealth law (Section 19a-906) have been included in LCO 3614 as authorized providers of the service. These include nurse-midwives, dentists, behavior analysts, genetic counselors, music therapists, art therapists and athletic trainers.

We ask for the same consideration today and believe dental hygienists should be added to this bill so that our profession can assist patients remotely with their oral health care needs.

Thank you.