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FNA Position Paper 2015

Nurses and Telehealth

The Florida Nurses Association supports the following position with regard to legislation dealing with telemedicine:

- Modification of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth" to provide more inclusiveness and encourage increased diversity among healthcare provider participants.
- Telehealth services should be part of a patient-centered, team-based approach to healthcare with a primary goal of increasing access to care.
- All surrogates assisting patients utilizing telehealth services must be appropriately trained in the services provided and licensed by the state to provide healthcare services.
- All telehealth services provided should be appropriately reimbursed by insurance carriers.
- Any professionals providing telehealth services should comply with rules established by their licensure governing boards (Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, etc.)
- Telehealth services should be part of a broader healthcare agenda to increase patient access to care and improve healthcare outcomes within our state.