<u>Memorandum in Support – A6030-A (Assemblymember Paulin)</u>
<u>Relates to standing orders for patient care in hospitals</u>

American Nurses Association-New York (ANA-NY), on behalf of its members and their patients, **<u>supports</u>** passage of A6030-A (Paulin), which would enable registered nurses (RNs) to carry out certain procedures without a patient-specific order from the attending practitioner. ANA-NY is a professional nursing organization representing the interests of New York State's 360,000 registered nurses. ANA-NY advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing care, supporting the professional and educational advancement of nurses, and promoting the welfare of nurses to the end that all people may have better health care.

A6030-A seeks to expand which procedures RNs may undertake with a non-patient specific standing order. Non-patient specific standing orders allow RNs to assess a patient's medical condition and provide timely care without waiting for an attending practitioner's direct order. Standing orders give healthcare providers more flexibility and improve patient care, while also decreasing patient wait times.

Under current law, RNs may follow standing orders in several situations, including anaphylaxis treatments and administering some immunizations. A6030-A would expand the use of standing orders by allowing RNs to administer additional tests in hospital settings under an attending practitioner's standing order. Under this legislation, RNs would be able to, among other things, provide glucose screenings for patients with suspected hypoglycemia, and EKGs for patients with possible heart attack symptoms. Allowing standing orders for these practices will decrease patient wait times, improve patient outcomes, and save the lives of New Yorkers.

RNs in New York are well educated and trained and allowing non-patient specific orders that are within an RNs scope of practice is the right policy to adopt. For these reasons, ANA-NY **<u>supports</u>** the passage of A6030-A (Paulin).