

diagnosis and so what's...is it your belief that training in the diagnosis came before this master's degree work or is it embodied somewhere in here that I just am not picking up on?

SENATOR WESELY: There's several different...there's the academic training but then there's also 2,000 hours required under the bill of clinical training that will help them focus in on diagnosis. So that's in addition to their academic training.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you. Senator Withem, if you could answer a question relative to the actual terminology of your amendment. In the two paragraphs before the language that you want to change, it indicates that the collaborating physicians shall be responsible for the nurse practitioner. And I'm, I'm wondering if you could share with me a little bit of your, your thought on how someone could be responsible for another person's actions and not be able to direct them in those actions but only give them advice.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I think first of all when you're talking about advice or direction we're really not talking about a, a yes or a no issue, these are terms along a continuum trying to define the relationship, and that's what we're seeking here. The term direction I think for the nurse practitioners implies a looking over the shoulder on a daily basis, a second guessing of all the decisions made and that's why that term is objectionable. I think some of the other things within the amendment...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...including requirements that there be this integrated practice agreement, which would probably better define a working relationship between the nurse practitioner and the physician, more so than whatever this definition as relation to supervision would do. I think that's probably what we would reference back to would be the integrated practice agreement as opposed to this language down here that we're talking about when we deal with this concept of insuring the quality.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I appreciate that explanation. Once again I want to thank both of you for your work to this point.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Bohlke.