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Dear Kanny

Nurse Practitioners New Zealand (NPNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Medical Council of New Zealand's proposal to review its Statement on Telehealth.

We support the submission made by NZ Telehealth Leaders Forum with **one change - that is the reference to "doctor" being amended to "appropriately qualified health practitioner"**, for example Nurse Practitioner or Diabetes Nurse Specialist . We feel that this statement needs to reflect New Zealand's changing health workforce and models of care. This inclusion will align the statement with the Health Practitioners (Statutory References to Medical Practitioners) Bill, future proofing Telehealth development and wider adoption by other health practitioners that may otherwise be hindered due to interpretation of the statement.

Yours sincerely

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