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## **Assembly Passes Two VanderMeer Health Care Bills**

**Madison, WI** – During floor sessions yesterday and today, the State Assembly took up and passed several pieces of health care related legislation. Two of the bills passed were authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah). [Assembly Bill 125](#) makes some changes to the state’s regulation of Physician Assistants and [Assembly Bill 148](#) is another piece of legislation related to the state’s COVID-19 response.

Both bills authored by VanderMeer were unanimously recommended by the Assembly Committee on Health last week. Assembly Bill 125 was passed via voice vote in the Assembly last year during the previous legislative session but not subsequently taken up by the Senate. Yesterday, the Assembly also passed [Senate Bill 13](#), authored by Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) and Senator Kathy Bernier (R-Chippewa Falls), which gives dentists the ability to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccines.

“I was happy to support the bills we passed this week and move both pieces of legislation I authored forward. The PA legislation is important because it allows Physician Assistants, critically important health care providers, to efficiently provide care where care is needed. AB 148 takes some important steps to allow our health care providers to continue to productively manage their organizations through the COVID situation, and also makes some meaningful changes to licensing options for healthcare professionals with a desire to practice in our state while at the same time preserving quality of care,” VanderMeer said.

The provisions in AB 148 were originally included in [Assembly Bill 1](#), which was later amended by both houses of the Legislature and then vetoed by the governor. Gundersen Health, Marshfield Clinic, and Mayo Clinic voiced support for and [formally registered](#) their support for AB 148. Both bills authored by VanderMeer had a [public hearing](#) in the Senate Committee on Health today.

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