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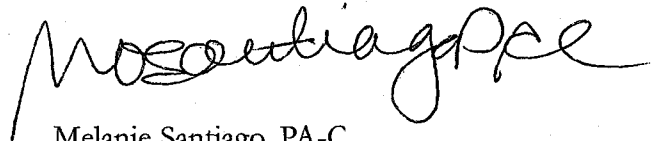
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Winn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to PAs. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board and are now facing the next step in the process. While the proposed changes are numerous, they come down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. These changes will streamline the supervision process and make the use of PAs by physicians more effective. In our particular practice, the change requiring that my supervising physician no longer has to see patients every third visit would be more aligned with the reality of our practice.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in PA, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,



Melanie Santiago, PA-C
Clinician