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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Drexel Univ in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. 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. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Signature], PA-S

Sandra L. Moffett

In addition to being a PA student I have worked in an operating room for almost twenty years. PAs have become an important part of the patient care team and their utilization by physicians has made a huge impact on the quality of care given!