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Charles D. Hummer Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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P.O. Box 2649  
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant who practices in your district under the supervision of Richard Cassoff, M.D, in Ambridge, PA. As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of our profession and will allow me and my supervising physician to provide quality care effectively.

I believe that the changes to the regulation of the physician assistants in Pennsylvania will improve the Physician-PA team and how it functions. 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 progress; review by the Legislature, public comment and final review by the Medical Board. The key items that are the focus for change include lengthening the time for counter signature from 3 days to 10 days, eliminating the requirement for the physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit or at least once a year, allowing PAs to prescribe or dispense Scheduled II controlled drugs for initial therapy for up to 72 hour dose and notifying the supervising physician within 24 hours, as well as removing the barrier of prescribing sympathomimetic agents. I feel that updating these regulations will allow me and my physician to provide patient care more effectively. Patients will be seen more frequently, will have their medications without a lag time, and it will facilitate continuity of care. The delivery of care will also be made more efficient by altering the time requirements for physician chart review. Allowing the patient's condition to determine the frequency of physician visits and involvement, both physician's and PA's time can be utilized more wisely. These change will refine, but not diminish, physician supervision of PAs.

These regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern healthcare system, a system whose regulations have not been updated in 12 years and are ready for a comprehensive update. PAs play an important role in the delivery of healthcare here in your district and across Pennsylvania. These provisions represented in the regulations are well inline with language adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge you to approve these regulations. Thank you for your commitment to public service and your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anitha Padala PA-C". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Anitha Padala MHS, PA-C

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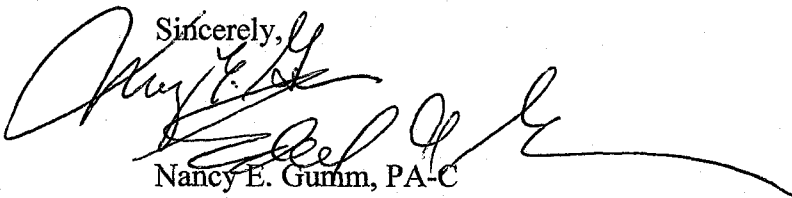
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Edward A. Gumm in Greensburg, 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.

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 come 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.

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

Sincerely,



Nancy E. Gumm, PA-C  
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr. M.D. Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a practicing physician assistant in Pittsburgh, PA. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed changes to the **Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants**. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow patients to be treated more effectively by physician assistants.

As a physician assistant working in the drug and alcohol treatment field, the current prescribing regulations in the state of Pennsylvania have limited the care I can provide patients. I believe that the changes that are reflected will allow more flexibility within the profession and allow supervising physicians to utilize their physician assistants to the fullest extent.

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

Sincerely,

Hollie L. Bednar, MPA, PA-C



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Shauna L. Cole, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael Stefan in Exton, 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 efficiently and effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process which is review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, the changes can be summarized as a moderate but necessary 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, the proposed changes are more in tune with 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 and the evolutionary nature of the physician assistant practice. 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shauna L. Cole, PA-C'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials 'PA-C' written in a larger, more distinct font at the end of the signature.

Shauna L. Cole, PA-C

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Chairman, State Board of Medicine  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I have been a Physician Assistant practicing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for five years, under the supervision of Dr. Cary Cummings, III. I am writing in support of the proposed changes in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants.

These changes would update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to provide care to our patients in a more effective and meaningful manner.

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board and are now contemplating the next step in the process, which is review by the Legislature, public comment and final review by the Medical Board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they are basically a moderate update of the P.A. regulations in Pennsylvania. These changes will streamline, but in no way diminish supervision and allow physicians to utilize their P.A.'s in a much better way clinically. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice in a more expeditious fashion, therefore, giving rise to better care. Altering the prescription regulations for P.A.'s will give patients better access to appropriate treatment and healthcare management.

These regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern healthcare system. These changes would provide an appropriate blend of public protection, and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize P.A.'s. The provisions identified in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states and commonwealths.

As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant for five years in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Claire M. Wachter, P.A.-C.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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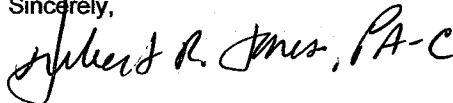
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As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant for 30 years in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Hubert R. Jones, P.A.-C.

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

I am a physician assistance practicing under the supervision of Robert C. Glorioso MD in York, PA. I have been in family practice for 23 years, with Dr. Glorioso for 10 years, and am currently a lieutenant colonel in the Unites States Air National Guard in command of the 193<sup>rd</sup> Medical Group/Special Operations Wing in Middletown, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, regarding physician assistants. These changes would update the regulations of PA's, and enable Dr. Glorioso and me to more effectively care for our patients.

The regulations have already been approved by the medical board, and are now facing review. The regulations seem to be sound, moderate, and appropriate. They will allow me and my colleagues to provide appropriate medications and work effectively in modern practice, while still allowing supervision by our physicians. The changes will bring Pennsylvania into line with other states, so that new physician assistants will choose to practice here.

Pleas let me add my urging to you and the state board to approve these changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David R Gann, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student currently pursuing my Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Philadelphia University. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I strongly feel that the proposed changes will better reflect the excellent training I am currently receiving and allow me and my future supervising physician to better care for patients.

As you are now 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. As a student who has spent the last 6 months in the classroom and had no clinical experience, understanding the proposed changes and how they will change the privileges and responsibilities of PAs took quite a while; but after reading, re-reading and researching why the changes have been proposed in respect to the current standards, I have come to the understanding that the new regulations will allow me, as a future physician assistant to best serve my supervising physician and my patients. They will streamline but not lessen supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. Altering the prescription regulations for physician assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice.

These revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. While they recognize the boundaries of a physician assistant's practice and abilities, they allow 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 student who is planning on staying in Pennsylvania to practice after graduation, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing in Pittsburgh and Wexford, Pennsylvania. I am under the supervision of Dr. Debra Tanner Abell. I am writing to show my support of the proposed changes for regulations relating to physician assistants under Pennsylvania code Title 49, Chapter 18. These proposed changes would allow for more effective care my supervising physician and me. All propositions made are important, but to eliminate the requirement for the physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit or at least once a year would be most beneficial to our dermatology office.

These proposed regulations have been approved by the medical board and are now for review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposals are not meant to diminish supervision, but rather to make supervision run in a more efficient and updated fashion. Allowing the prescription regulation changes will allow patients to have a greater access to the treatment they need.

The proposed regulatory provisions support the changing views of the health care system. They allow physicians to use physician assistants optimally without compromising safety and protection and are in line with what many other states have adopted for their regulations.

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

Sincerely,

*Dayna Turrill, MPAS, PA-C*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am physician assistant who has been practicing in the state of Pennsylvania for 30 years. Currently I am practicing under the supervision of Dr. Dennis Bonner in Levittown, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patient more effectively.

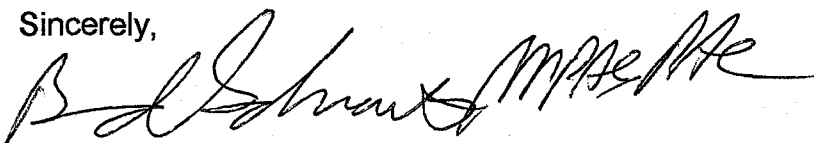
The updated regulations streamline but do not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. The changes made in the regulations respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patient better access to appropriate treatments.

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 physician 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 who has practiced in Pennsylvania for many years, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bernard Schwartz, MPAS, PA-C



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RE: Physician Assistant Practice in PA

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. James McCarthy at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of my profession and will allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and in a more complete manner. As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board. They are now facing the next step in the process which is review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the Medical Board. Although the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. These changes will help to streamline care and will allow physician assistants to make the best use of their time. 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 treatment.

The regulatory revisions present a progressive view of the modern healthcare system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician assistants. The provisions that are presented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Griffin, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Chong S. Park in Pittsburgh, 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 are now 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.

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

Sincerely,



Marie Delaney PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

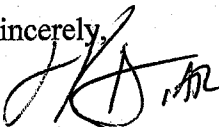
I am a physician assistant student currently enrolled in the post-baccalaureate program at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These changes will have a direct affect upon me when I graduate from the program. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession. This potentially will allow my supervising physician and myself to care for our patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the medical board has previously approved the proposed regulations. 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.

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My family and I currently reside in North East, Pennsylvania and I am looking forward to practicing in the state. I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe Kitts, ATC

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a certified physician assistant in the state of Pennsylvania. Currently I serve as clinical and academic faculty in the King's College PA Program in Wilkes-Barre, PA. 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 physician assistants to care for patients more effectively. This will have great impact on the quality of healthcare in the Commonwealth. Prior to becoming an educator, I practiced in the specialty of Women's Health for 27 years. These issues are very important to me, both as an educator of future physicians assistants and as a clinician.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. Now they 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 represent a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will not diminish, but will streamline supervision and enable physicians to utilize their PAs in the most effective way possible under the law. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will improve access to appropriate treatment for our patients.

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 permits physicians to utilize PAs in a safe and effective manner. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted by other states.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jocelyn Hook".

Jocelyn Hook, MPAS, PA-C



John H. Jones, Jr., M.D., FACS  
Elizabeth Colaiuta, M.D., FACS

Charles D. Hummer, M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Elizabeth Colaiuta of the Susquehanna Health System in Williamsport, PA. I composed this letter to you in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to my profession's scope of practice. These amendments to the existing code will permit Dr. Colaiuta and I to care for our patients more efficiently.

As you already know, the medical board has previously approved the proposed changes. It is now time to make the next step of reviewing the literature, receiving public comment, and final review by the Board. While numerous, these adjustments compose a moderate update of PA regulation in our state. These amendments will simply allow physicians to better utilize their PAs. In no way will these changes reduce the amount of PA supervision. In modifying the amount of time for chart review and discussion of patient treatment between the PA and physician, we are making an effort to adapt to the actuality of clinical practice. Altering the regulations of prescription privileges already in place will provide patients better access to proper therapy.

The revisions sent forth by physician assistants to the medical board represent a progressive view of current health care practices. These modifications are a proper combination of patient protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to best utilize their PAs, and in the safest way possible. For your information, these provisions are well in accordance with other language that has already been adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in our state, I urge the Board to realize the importance of these changes. Thank you very much for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren R. Feldsott". To the right of the signature, the text "MHS, PA-C" is written in a similar hand.  
Lauren R. Feldsott, MHS, PA-C

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**Dear Mr. Hummer:**

I am writing in support of proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Jay E. Elder, M.D. in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The proposed changes will allow me to use more time caring for patients rather than chasing down a physician to co-sign an Albuterol prescription.

Eliminating the requirement for a physician to see each patient on every third visit or every year would allow for the discretion of the physician assistant to require the patient to see a physician on an appropriate as needed basis.

Changing prescription regulations will enable physician assistants to give better treatment. As a physician assistant practicing in rural Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Dawn Cekovsky, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Richard Harker M.D., Creston Herold M.D., and Maria Papoutsis M.D. in Lemoyne, 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 physicians to care for patients more effectively.

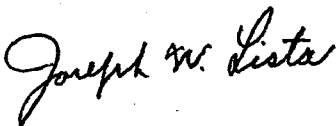
Specifically the existing regulations require that my supervising physician see our patients every third visit. This results in a serious delay of care to our patients. The physicians' schedules are full yet I am forced to turn away patients who are in need of acute medical care. We have all taken the same oath to care for the medically needy yet I am required by archaic regulation to turn patients away. The formulary restrictions that are in place are not realistic with respect to modern medical practice and training that we all have received. At a time when many providers are leaving Pennsylvania, when our Pennsylvania medical schools can not fill their residency vacancies we need realistic medical regulations which will guarantee full access to medical care for all of our citizens.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Lista, M.S., PA-C

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November 15, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Aldo Ciccotelli in Yardley, 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.

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Sincerely,



Linda Thornton, PA-C

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Jill S. Buterbaugh, RNC,  
MSN, CRNP

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David G. Baer in Everett, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Philip J. Kucas, PA-C  
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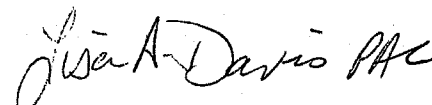
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ellen Dailey. 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.

While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of the PA regulation in Pennsylvania. The provisions represented in the regulations are will in line with language adopted in other states.

I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Davis, PA-C

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*H. Martin Wrigley, M.D.*  
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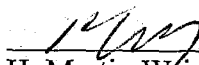
I am a physician assistant participating under the supervision of Dr. H. Martin Wrigley in Grove City, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

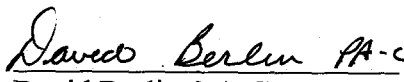
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As a licensed and practicing physician in assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely,

  
H. Martin Wrigley, MD

  
David Berlin, PA-C

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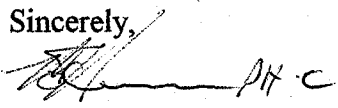
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a Physician Assistant (PA) licensed and practicing in Pennsylvania for Nine years. Currently I am practicing under the supervision of Dr. Melissa Horner in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to **Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18**, relating to physician assistants. If approved, the proposed updates will allow, my supervising physician and myself to provide more efficient and effective patient care.

The medical board, as you are well aware, has already approved the proposed regulations. The proposed changes now face the next step in the process: The legislature, public comment, and then final review by the medical board. By extending the time for chart review, this will allow Dr. Horner to respond to the clinical responsibilities and realities of practice. Furthermore, altering the prescription regulations, you can expand patient access to appropriate medical treatments. The numerous changes will not diminish or remove the supervision of my physician, but will streamline it.

These revisions are consistent with the progressive view of the modern health care system. Other states have already adopted regulations similar to the ones we are requesting. By approving these changes, PA's and supervising physicians across the state can more effectively and efficiently provide patient care.

Sincerely,  


Mark E. Hammer MPA, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Paul Avadonian and Dr. Jeffrey Weber in Ephrata, 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 my supervising physician and I to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

Tara Rinehart PA-C



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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Bruce C. Waskowicz and Dr. Virginia E. Shafer in Terre Hill, Pennsylvania. Our Terre Hill office provides medical care to many in the Amish and Mennonite community. As one of three providers in our family practice office, I have found that the current regulations for physician assistants limit my ability to most effectively care for patients. My role as a physician assistant is that of a dependent provider. I utilize my physician supervisors on a daily basis to provide the best medical care.

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. These changes 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. Eliminating the requirement for the physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit will allow me to follow-up consistently with patients, and provide care when a physician supervisor is not on site or has a full schedule.

In a changing health care system the regulatory revisions would better utilize physician assistants. As a licensed practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lara J. Nakao PA-C



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Charles Hummer, M.D.  
Chairman, State Board of Medicine  
Bureau of Occupational & Professional Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Neal Topham at Fox Chase Cancer Center 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.

The proposed changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to more fully utilize their PAs. As a PA in the Department of Surgical Oncology, altering the prescription regulations will allow me to provide more effective pain management for our surgical patients. The changes will allow us to write orders for Schedule II drugs while we take in house call, eliminating the need to find a physician. In addition, we will have the ability to discharge patients who require scripts for Schedule II drugs. Currently patient discharges are often delayed until a physician is present to write the prescription. Our department will be more efficient and patient care will be expedited if these changes are adopted.

In addition, lengthening the period of time for counter-signature from three to ten days is much more realistic for a large department like the one at Fox Chase.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Schreiber, PA-C".

Jill L. Schreiber, PA-C  
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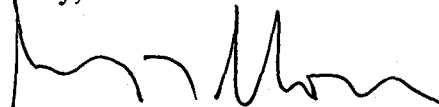
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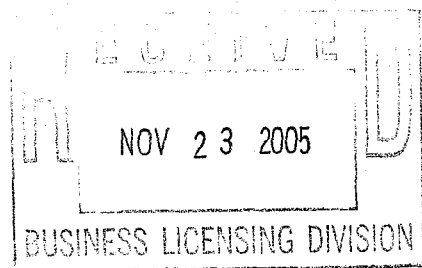
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David Hoffman in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. There is no question that these changes represent a forward thinking improvement in our current practice. Because the proposed updates are consistent with existing regulations in surrounding states, from which many of our patients come, these changes provide for enhanced continuity of care.

As the demand for health care increases, Dr. Hoffman and I are committed to meeting the need. The proposed changes would allow us to increase not only the quantity but the quality of our health care. We urge the Board to adopt these changes and thank you for considering them.

Sincerely,



Gregg Morris, MFA, MSPAS, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer,

My name is Karen Tillotson and I am a physician assistant practicing with the supervision of Dr. Dorothy Farrell in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania. I am writing you today in support of the proposed revisions to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistant practice.

The Code, as it exists in its current form, is limiting of physician assistant practice in various ways. Unfortunately, these limitations have a negative effect on our ability to provide optimal access for our patients to treatments. For myself, working in the specialty of Neurology, the prescriptive restrictions with respect to anticoagulants, as an example, are an obstacle to efficient patient care. The proposed changes will bring a much needed modernization to the regulations, will significantly improve physician utilization of their physician assistants and, most important, improve access to and quality of care for our patients.

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

Sincerely,



Karen Tillotson, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of David C. Brock, MD in Reading, Pennsylvania and as a Per Diem PA-C in our very overcrowded local emergency room. 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.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania since 1981, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

 Ross H. Fichtorn, MS., PA-C

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# White Rose Family Practice

Cathy P. Carpenter, M.D. ♦ Scott R. Mann, M.D. ♦ Diane M. Kepner, M.D. ♦  
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Gregory R. Dunkelberger, PA-C.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Cathy P. Carpenter, M.D. in York, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Maria F. Hudish PA-C*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant working in two Pennsylvania State Correctional Institutions. I work under the supervision of Dr. Nagi at the Houtzdale, State Correctional Institution and under the supervision of Dr. Rameo at the Quehanna Boot Camp. 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 physicians 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.

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As a licensed and practicing PA with 30 years of clinical experience, I believe that the modest revisions of Code 49, Chapter 18, will go a long way to update the medical practice. These revisions, I feel, will help Pennsylvania care for its patients in a safe, but more efficient manner.

Sincerely,

*William Civiello PA-C*

William J. Civiello

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD Chairman  
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Dear Dr Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Niyaz M. Azad in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the 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.

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

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer A. Weaver, PAC



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November 17, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hunter:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Sidney Lipman, Dr. Jack Anon, Dr. Stephen Schell, and Dr. Rick Fornelli in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am the sole physician assistant that works in a six physician Otolaryngology practice. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the 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 are presently facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. I know that the proposed changes are numerous, but in reality they are a moderate updating of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. These will allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs in a more streamlined way, yet not diminishing their supervision. The changing of the length of time for chart review and the relaying of treatment information allows a better response to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescribing regulations for PAs will give patients better access to needed treatments in a more efficient way.

The revisions in our regulations are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally, efficiently, and safely utilize PAs. These new regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

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David W. Martin, PA-C

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November 20, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am due to graduate my physician assistant program in August 2006, and I know if these proposed changes are adopted, they will have a tremendous positive impact on patient care by physician assistants in Pennsylvania, where I am currently planning on practicing when I become a physician assistant.

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

Sincerely,



Julie Parker, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kyung S. Park in Pittsburgh, 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 are now 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.

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

Sincerely,



Douglas M. Cooper PA-C

29 Greystone Rd.  
Carlisle, PA 17013  
November 14, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Craig Jurgensen in Carlisle, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Thompson*

Elizabeth Thompson, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

As a physician assistant, I am asking that the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine adopts the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. My supervising physician is Kevin Wong, M.D. By supporting these changes, you would be enabling patients to receive more efficient health care.

These proposed regulations would enhance physician assistants to better aid physicians to take care of patients. Permitting physician assistants to order albuterol to help a patient breathe is necessary. Waiting for my supervising physician to sign a script for this medication, I slow down the continuity of care. Likewise, fulfilling the requirement that each patient be seen by the supervising physician at least once a year and on every third visit is a chore that needs to be revised.

I am a physician assistant who has been at a family medicine practice for over three years. I would enjoy seeing the benefit these proposed regulations would have to the health care system. Physician assistants have established themselves in many fields of practice and are ready for this next step along with the health care community. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

*Deeann M. Pearson, PA-C*

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Susan M. Dubowy, PA-C  
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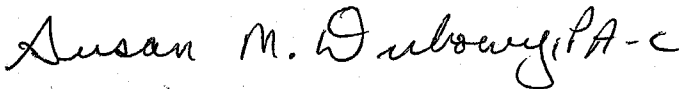
Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I urge you to support the adoption of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am a physician assistant at Crossroads Family Medical Center in Brownstown, PA. The changes would make our physician/physician assistant-team system of delivering health care more patient-friendly and efficient, without reducing the role of physician supervision.

I appreciate the Board's previous work and hope the regulations will receive final approval. Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Dubowy, PA-C

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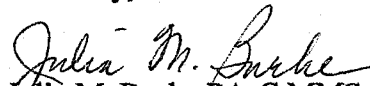
I am a physician assistant currently working in the Altoona area under the supervision of a group of physicians known as Altoona OBGyn Associates. My purpose in writing this letter is to ask your support in the passage of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physicians assistants. These proposed regulatory changes will enable me and my supervising physicians to provide care to our patients in an effective and timely manner.

These proposed regulations were previously approved by the medical board and now must move into the next phase: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. Although the changes are numerous, they provide a moderate update in our PA regulations. The changes, if approved, will allow physicians to better utilize the PAs while continuing to maintain supervision. Our physicians will have a longer period of time in which to review charts and receive treatment information while fulfilling their clinical obligations. The changes in our prescriptive privileges will give patients better access to care.

These revisions are representative of the progressive view of a modern health care system. They allow physicians to use PAs both optimally and safely. The provisions outlined in the regulations are in line with those adopted by other states.

I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes for the benefit of our patients and our community. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Julia M. Burke, PA-C, MMS  
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant student at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, 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.

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

Sincerely,



John L. Carroll, PA-S



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Robert C. Glorioso, M.D.  
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistance practicing under the supervision of Robert C. Glorioso MD in York, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, regarding physician assistants. These changes would update the regulations of PA's, and enable Dr. Glorioso and me to more effectively care for our patients.

The regulations have already been approved by the medical board, and are now facing review. The regulations seem to be sound, moderate, and appropriate. They will allow me and my colleagues to provide appropriate medications and work effectively in modern practice, while still allowing supervision by our physicians. The changes will bring Pennsylvania into line with other states, so that new physician assistants will choose to practice here.

Pleas let me add my urging to you and the state board to approve these changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gretchen F. Chronister, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

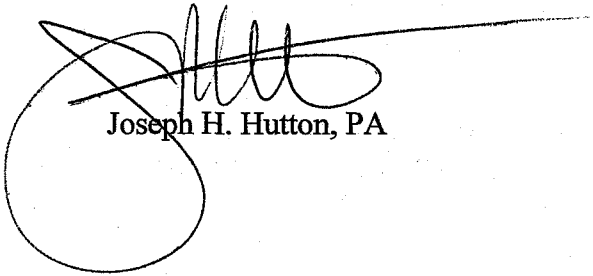
I am a retired physician assistant who retired after practicing for over 30 years. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow physician assistants and supervising physicians 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.

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As a retired physician assistant in Pennsylvania, although still quite active in medical practice, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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November 14, 2005

Dear Doctor Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ellen Johnson and Dr. Victoria Brown in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code title 49, chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of my profession and allow me and my supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, **I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes.** Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Siobhan Ulrich PA-C

Ellen Johnson MD

Victoria Brown MD

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, 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 once I graduate it will 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.

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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania and hopefully a practicing PA in Pennsylvania once I graduate, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Deeter



Michael Ressler  
346 Center New Texas Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15239

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

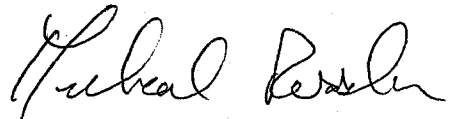
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Michael Ressler, PA-S

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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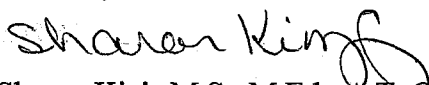
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Charles E. Heid and Dr. Dennis R. Smith, Cardiologists in Lewisburg Pennsylvania. I am writing to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. These proposed changes will allow me and my supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively and will update the regulation of my profession, which is badly needed.

As you know the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, and are now facing the next step in the process. The proposed changes would streamline supervision, and allow physicians to make the most of Pas. The changes in length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering prescription regulations for Pas will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. All of this while not diminishing the supervision of Pas.

These revisions will allow physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs, and are in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Sharon Kizis M.S., M.Ed., A.T.,C., PA-C

## **Fact Sheet: Proposed Changes to Physician Assistant Regulation in Pennsylvania**

The current regulations were last updated in 1993. In the ensuing 12 years there have been many changes in health care, and physician assistants have been increasingly integrated into the health care team. The regulations that are up for Medical Board and legislative oversight make logical updates to the language governing physician-PA teams. Among them:

- Updating the definitions of and requirements for physician supervision
- Changing PAs from "certified" by the state to "licensed" to comply with statutory language
- Lengthening the time within which physician chart review is required from 3 days to 10 days
- Changing the requirement that the physician see the patient every third visit to requiring the physician to be involved as indicated by practice type and patient condition
- Replacing a list of duties a PA may perform to a broad statement that describes physician delegation
- Allowing the PA and supervising physician to determine when PA must relay medical treatment information to the supervising physician rather than imposing the current 12-hour requirement
- Clarifying PA ability to administer blood and controlled medications
- Eliminating the requirement for a 90 day waiting period after FDA approval for a PA to be able to prescribe a newly approved drug
- Changing the required formulary from positive (lists all classes of drugs PAs may prescribe) to negative (lists those classes that may not be prescribed by PAs)
- Clarifying technical points of prescribing by PAs
- Authorizing supervising physicians to delegate PAs to prescribe Schedule II drugs for a 72 hour period

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Neal Schorr, Victoria Santee, and Elizabeth Ruberg in Moon and Cranberry, 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.

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

Sincerely,

  
Joanne Hagar, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant under the supervision of Dr. Ronald Maceyko in Somerset and Johnstown. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes are a positive step in improving patient care and a logical update in today's health care environment.

These changes do not diminish supervision by medical doctors, but allow each physician to make the best use of each PA according to the demands of each individual practice. The changes regarding chart review and the third visit rule respond to the realities of clinical practice. The prescription regulation changes will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. I never understood why I was qualified to prescribe a narcotic drug, but not a vitamin with fluoride.

These revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are in line with language adopted in other states. As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Lori Reed Hogan, PA-C*

Lori Reed Hogan, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Kevin Shafer and Chris Darrup in Middleburg, Pennsylvania. I am pleased to serve in a rural community. My patients depend upon my professional training as well as my caring demeanor especially since the nearest hospital is nearly thirty miles away. 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Susan Roberts PA-C*

Susan D. Roberts, PA-C



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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a cardiothoracic physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Savas Mavridis in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my growing profession and allow my supervising surgeon and I to care for patients more efficiently.

As you are well aware, the medical board has previously approved the proposed regulations. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. We feel that the proposed regulations are in the best interest of our patients. They will allow surgeons to make the best use of their time and make the best use of their PA's, without compromising care to their patients. Surgeons will now have more time before they need to review charts and relay treatment information. In short, this will enable the physician-physician assistant team to function more efficiently.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of today's health care system. These revisions are PA and MD friendly, but most importantly benefit our patients. They are an appropriate mix of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas. The provisions represented the regulations are well in line with language that has been adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in the state of Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank for very much.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Ruddek PA-C

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November 22, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Cheryle A. Stone, M.D., in Tunkhannock, 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.

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Sincerely,



Colleen M. Tempest PA-C



Cheryle A. Stone, M.D.



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Scott Morgan, M.D. in Mercer, 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 physician assistants. This will allow my supervising physician and me to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Edward R Horneman, II PA-C

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November 9, 2005

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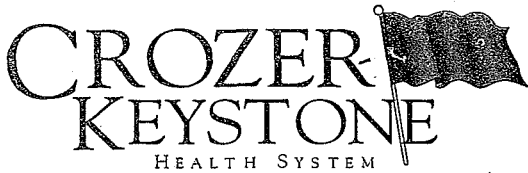
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Sincerely,

*Jamie Hodgson PA-S*

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November 8, 2005

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I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Barry Jacobson in Drexel Hill, 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.

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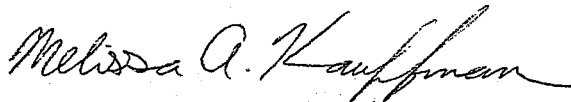
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Sincerely,



Melissa A. Kauffman MPAS, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Warren Daniels in Hanover, Pennsylvania. We treat patients at Hanover Works, an occupational medicine clinic at Hanover Hospital.

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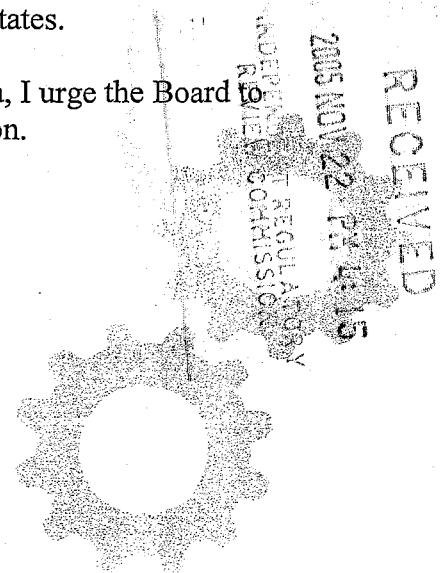
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*WR Eschrich PA-C*

**William R. Eschrich, PA-C**



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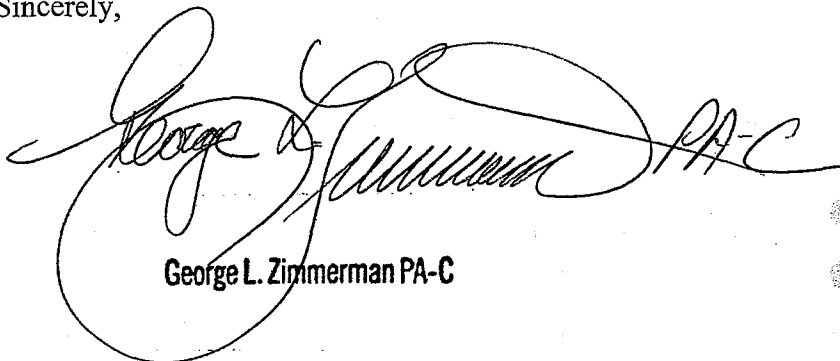
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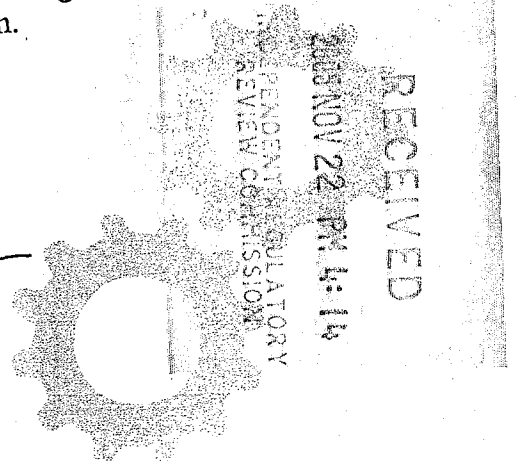
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Sarah A. Humbarger PA-C

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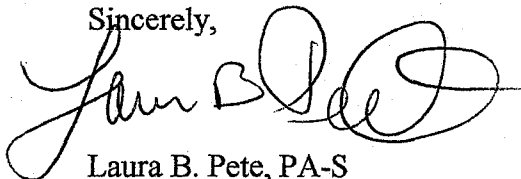
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Laura B. Pete, PA-S

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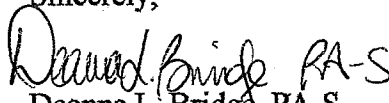
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Deanna L. Bridge, PA-S  
Physician Assistant Student  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Frank Conly in Renovo, Pennsylvania. We practice in a very rural, high poverty area. We are the only independent Family Practice Clinic aside from the local hospital. The majority of our patients are elderly with multiple co-morbidities. I was fortunate to join the practice 1 ½ years ago and be cordially accepted and valued by our patients. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These changes would positively impact our practice in Renovo.

The proposed regulations have been approved by the board and are now facing review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board, as you are well aware. The proposed changes will allow myself and my supervising physician to care for our patients more effectively. The relay of treatment information will be streamlined. Changing the prescription regulations will give our patients better access to appropriate treatment modalities. Dr. Conly travels between multiple facilities and is sometimes not available in the Renovo office to sign a Schedule II drug until the following 1-2 days. We know the reality of clinical practice and the demands of patients. Many patient wait until they are completely out of their medication to call or schedule and appointment. The change would allow us to optimally and effectively treat our patients while maintaining our patient satisfaction and compliance rates.

The proposed changes will allow physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Carrie B. Friese, MHS, PA-C*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Duane Sipes in Greencastle, 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 regulations of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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Matt Zemacke, PA-C

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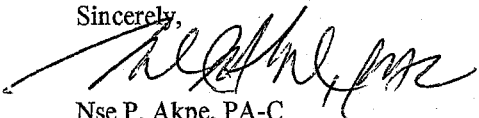
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As you know the changes have been approved by the medical board and now facing review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. These changes are to allow us to assist our supervising physicians in providing quality care to all patients. These changes will allow physicians and patients to enjoy the full benefit of physician assistants in our State. 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.

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Megan Benedict, PA-S



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Margaret Chappen in Lewisburg, 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.

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

Sincerely,



Brenda Terrell, PA-C

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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Sincerely,



Adrienne E. Coble, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, 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 future profession and allow PAs and their supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

*Amanda R. Oliver*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Richard Kastelic Assoc. in Johnstown, 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.

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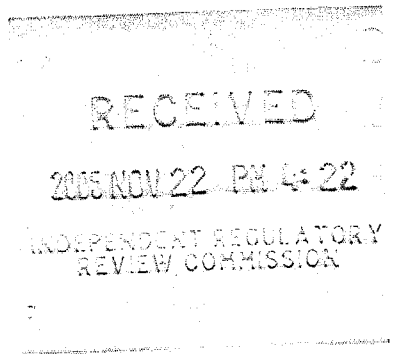
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
[Signature]

DANIEL C. GONCHER, PA-C

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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November 14, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Naomi K. Alvarez, PA-S*

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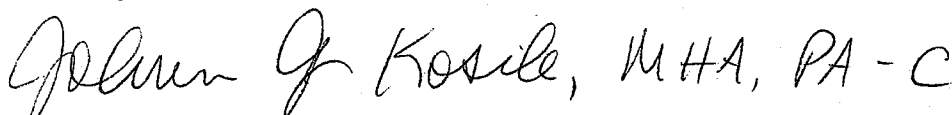
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jean Toroney in Wilkes-Barre, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to PAs. The changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow my supervising physician and I to care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

As you know, the proposed regulations have been approved by the medical board and are now in the next step in the process. Although the changes are numerous, they are a moderate update in PA regulations. The changes to lengthen the time for counter-signature of charts, determine physician visit requirements based on practice type, and expand prescription writing will all help to streamline supervision and allow the best utilization of PA's for patient care. They take into account the current time constraints of clinical practice and the need for better access for patients to appropriate treatments. For instance, an improvement such as being able to prescribe albuterol will do wonders for our asthmatic population.

The revisions proposed represent a progressive and much needed view of the modern health care system. They continue to protect public welfare while allowing physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions are also in line with language adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing PA in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and effort in helping us to achieve this goal for the betterment of all.

Sincerely,



JoAnn G. Kosik, MHA, PA-C



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RE: Physician Assistant Practice in PA

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Scott Kozin at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of my profession and will allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and in a more complete manner. As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board. They are now facing the next step in the process which is review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the Medical Board. Although the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. These changes will help to streamline care and will allow physician assistants to make the best use of their time. 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 treatment.

The regulatory revisions present a progressive view of the modern healthcare system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician assistants. The provisions that are presented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Murphy, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Millard Ruddell in Abington, 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 regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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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 their PA staff. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
John Valneius, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David Nathan, MD and in Emergency medicine in Coatesville, 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.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. In essence, I want to treat my patients in the most safe, caring, and efficient manner as I possibly can. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Douglas T. Stewart, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Melvyn Goldberg 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.

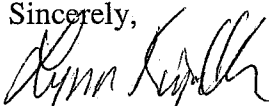
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Currently, I am a Surgical Oncology Physician Assistant at Fox Chase Cancer Center. On a daily basis I am not able to effectively care for my patients by treating pain management issues due to the restrictions on PA's prescribing abilities. In addition, I take "in house" hospital call once a week and find these restrictions especially paralyzing at night when I am the only health care provider that is easily accessible. By altering the prescription regulations for PA's patients will have better access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Kujath

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David G. Hall, M.D. in Pittsburgh, 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.

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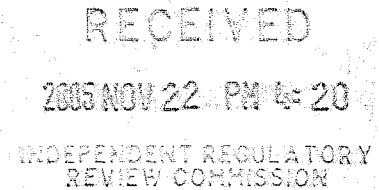
As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Peter R Murray, PA-C

Cheryl A. Devitt, PA-C  
511 Potomac Drive  
Washington, PA 15301



November 14, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Christopher Harner in Pittsburgh, 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.

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

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

Sincerely,  
Patrick J. Offi, PA-S

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Rebecca J. Caserio in Aspinwall, 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.

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As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alison J. Ravis, MPA, PA-C

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant working in a dermatology practice under the supervision of Dr. Lynn Colaiacovo in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes in the PA code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to my profession. The proposed changes will allow me, as well as my supervising physician to work together more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of our diverse patient caseload.

As you are aware, the medical board has previously approved these proposed regulations. They are now facing the next step in the review process. There are four key items we are looking to have improved. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to effectively use us as PA's. Altering the prescription regulations for PA's will give our patients better access to appropriate treatments without the increased wait time to see the physician. If the once a year or every third visit rule was extended, this could allow physicians to spend more time on the more serious medical conditions while the PA's could follow up on the more routine medical problems.

These provisions represent progress in our profession as well as the overall health care system and represent the regulations as well as language adopted in other states. These changes will improve communication with supervising physicians and safely utilize PA's for the benefit of our patients.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania since 2001, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes for the benefit of timely patient care.

Sincerely,

*Chad J Mathews PA-C*

Chad J. Mathews, PA-C

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Terry A Knepshild PA-C,  
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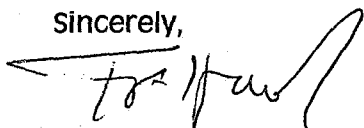
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Clifford Vogan, M.D. in Cowansville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Terry Knepshild PA-C, MMS



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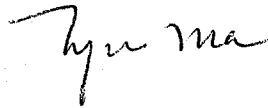
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant in OB/Gyn under the supervision of Dr. Michael McCollum, Dr. Taffy Anderson in Darby, Pennsylvania. I would like to support the new proposed change to PA code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants. These changes will allow the physician assistants and their supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively.

As you know, the proposed regulations is reviewed by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board at the present time; this changes will not diminish the physician's supervision on P.A. but shorten the time for patients to receive appropriate treatments. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for considering the changes in the Title 49, Chapter 18.

Sincerely,



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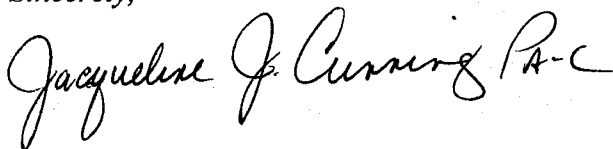
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Krick in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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

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

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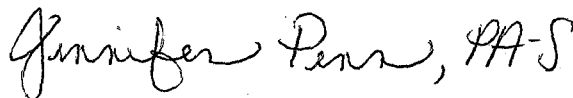
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Kim Stark, PA-C

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# Commonwealth Family Practice

*Lee J. Harmatz, M.D.  
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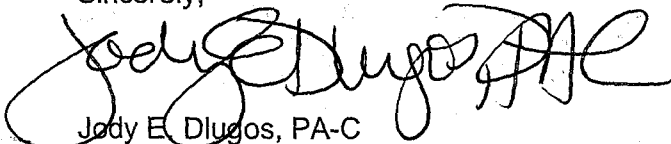
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Lee J. Harmatz in Hunker, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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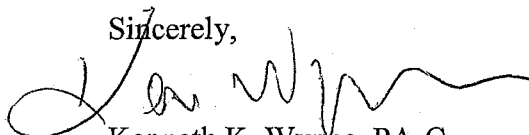
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W. Scott Setzer, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr.s W. Scott Setzer and Geoffrey M. James in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. I am asking for your 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 my supervising physicians and me to care for our patients for effectively. I have been a Physician Assistant 21 years and have practiced in my home state of Pennsylvania for the last 14 years. I have worked under the regulations of other states and would like to see Pennsylvania become up to date with the trends of other progressive states.

These regulations have been previously approved by the medical board and are now in the next step of the process. The proposed regulation changes are much needed in this time of modernization for the ever-changing faces of healthcare. They will streamline, but not diminish the basis for the physician/PA team and allow physicians to utilize their PA's more effectively.

The provisions represented in the regulations are very similar to those of other states. They represent a progressive view of the current health care system and maintain an appropriate blend of public protection and regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally utilize their Pas safely.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant, I am asking that you and the Board adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Dennis J. Benner in Levittown, 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.

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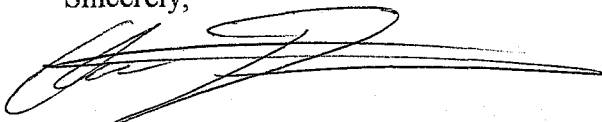
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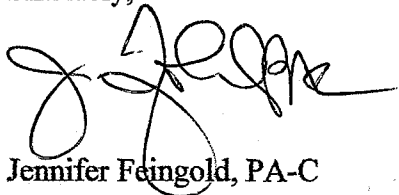
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Poonam Srivastava, Dr. Ashok Kumar, and Dr. Mayur Patel in Selinsgrove PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the 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 physicians to care for patients more effectively.

I work in a hematology and oncology specialty where blood products and controlled medications are used on a daily basis. We also practice in a rural area covering three separate hospitals where chart review in the required three day time frame is frequently difficult. The "every third visit" rule is also difficult in our practice because many patients are seen several times a week if they are having acute problems while ongoing chemotherapy. Some patients are also monitored once a week depending on their chemotherapy regimen.

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I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. As a practicing physician assistant under the supervision of Dr. Anthony F. Uberti in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, I feel the proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession, allowing PAs and their supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively.

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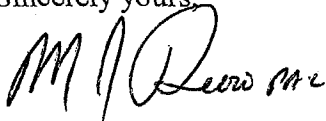
Dear Dr. HUMMER:

I am a certified and licensed physician assistant (PA) working under the direction of Dr. BUSSANICH. We work in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. We are always eager to remove the barriers that exist in our present regulations, which impede access to care and compromise our ability to effectively provide care. The proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants will update these regulations and allow us to be more effective.

These proposals have already been approved by the medical board. They now face legislative review, public comment, and then final review by the medical board. Although numerous, these proposals are only moderate updates of PA regulation in the Commonwealth. They will not diminish our supervision but only streamline our practice and allow physicians to better utilize their PAs. Altering the prescription regulations, relaying treatment information, and changing the length of time for chart reviews will provide our patients with greater access to appropriate medical care and more closely fit the realities of today's clinical practices. The time for these revisions has come. They parallel the language adopted by many other state legislatures.

I urge your Board to adopt these proposals. Thank you for your consideration. Keep up the good work for your health care providers and all our patients.

Sincerely yours,



MARK J. PEORIA, PA-C

951 Knob Hill Road  
Fayetteville, Pa. 17222  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant working at the Keystone Health Center in Chambersburg, PA. under the supervision of Dr. Iwona Janicka, M.D. I am writing to ask you to please support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

These proposed changes will certainly remove barriers that exist in our present legislation and will enable us to provide care more effectively to our patients. These changes will also make it easier for our supervising physicians and give them more time for patient care. These proposed changes will in no way diminish the supervision of physician assistants by their supervising physicians, but will make it possible for the physician to optimally and safely utilize PAs. These changes will enable a better response to the realities of clinical practice today. These provisions represented in the regulations, are very similar to PA legislation adopted in other States.

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

Sincerely,

*Mary Engleth PA*

Pamela K. Minardi PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of an Osteopathic physician. Due to expansion in our office I will also be working with an Allopathic physician within the next year. 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 physicians to care for patients more effectively.

These changes are necessary to give our patients appropriate access to care and treatment especially with respect to the every third visit rule. It allows maximum utilization of the physician assistant without diminution of the supervisory responsibility of the physician.

I urge the board to adopt these resolutions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Minardi PA-C*

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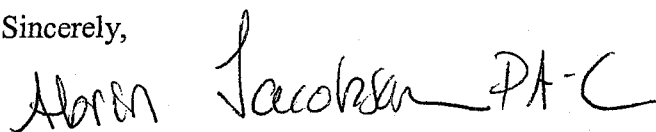
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Patrick Feehan, Dr. Bruce Brod, Dr. Mary Kegel, and Dr. Sameh Hanna in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

The new regulations will allow us to provide better medical care for our patients. The changes reflect the true nature of the physician led team approach to medicine. As you are well aware, the medical board has previously approved the proposed regulations. 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. If have any questions or comments about my letter please feel free to contact me at 215-681-0672. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abrin A. Jacobson PA-C". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Abrin A. Jacobson, MS, PA-C



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RE: Physician Assistant Practice in PA

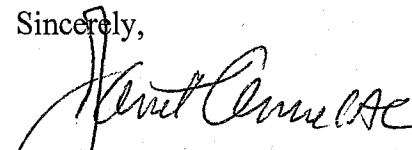
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. James J. McCarthy at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of my profession and will allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and in a more complete manner. As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board. They are now facing the next step in the process which is review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the Medical Board. Although the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. These changes will help to streamline care and will allow physician assistants to make the best use of their time. 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 treatment.

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

Sincerely,



Janet Cerrone, PA-C  
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RE: Physician Assistant Practice in PA

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Randal R. Betz at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of my profession and will allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and in a more complete manner. As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board. They are now facing the next step in the process which is review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the Medical Board. Although the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. These changes will help to streamline care and will allow physician assistants to make the best use of their time. 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 treatment.

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Timothy E. Miller, PA-C  
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November 14, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Mr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Zenati at the VA Medical Center in Pittsburgh, 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 will 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 access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,

  
Timothy E. Miller

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. J. Miller Oppy in Connellsville, 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.

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

Sincerely,

  
Ann Marie Bethke PA-C

R. D. #3, Box 196  
Altoona, PA 16601  
November 15, 2005

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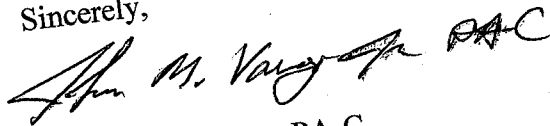
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Penne Edgell in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow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

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

Sincerely,



John M. Vargo, Jr., PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael Gaffney in Pittsburgh. 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 medical board has previously approved the proposed changes. They are now facing the next step in the process, which is: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The changes will streamline but not diminish supervision of PA's. It will also allow physicians to make the best use of their PA's. I work in an orthopedic surgical setting, in which post-operative pain medications are essential to care. If the PA prescribing regulations are modified our patients will receive better access to prescription medications. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information follows the realities of clinical practice.

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

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

Sincerely,

*Michelle Milgrub PA-C*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Dennis J. Hurwitz in Pittsburgh, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Monica N. Furniss*

Monica N. Furniss MPAS, PA-C

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D. Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael McGonigal in Bethel Park, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Karen Pettrisin PA-C*

Karen Pettrisin, PA

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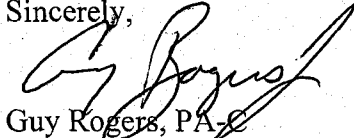
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Govindarajan Venkatesh in Sayre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession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

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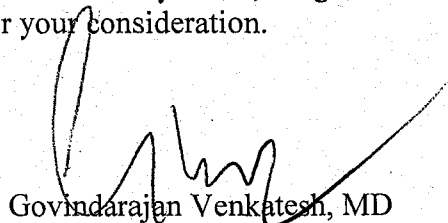
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Guy Rogers, PA-C



Govindarajan Venkatesh, MD

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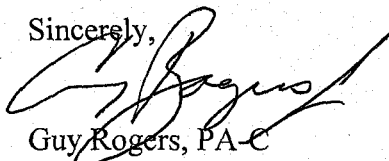
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ashok Shah in Sayre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow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

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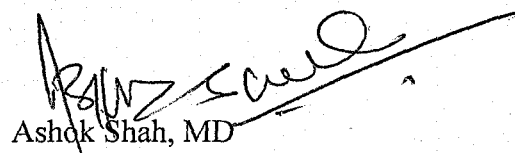
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Guy Rogers, PA-C



Ashok Shah, MD

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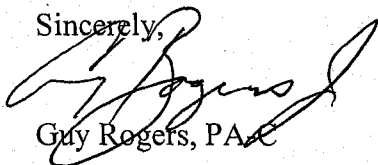
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Daniel P. Sporn in Sayre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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

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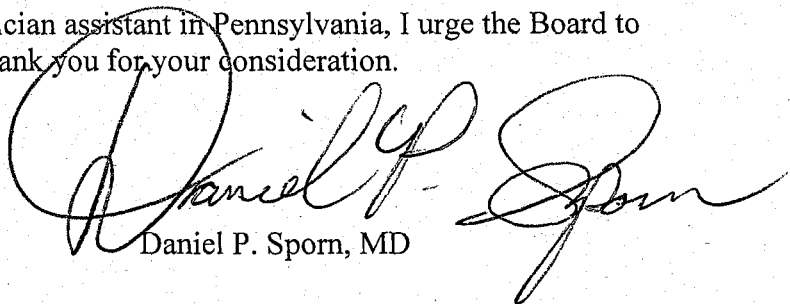
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Guy Rogers, PA-C



Daniel P. Sporn, MD

GR/ls

December 8, 2005

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Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kishore Harjai in Sayre, 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.

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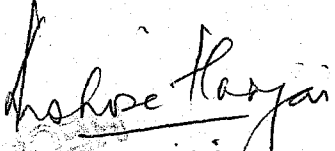
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Sincerely,

  
Guy Rogers, PA-C

GR/ls

  
Kishore Harjai, MD

December 8, 2005

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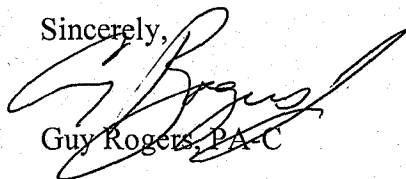
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David Pelkowski in Sayre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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

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

Sincerely,



Guy Rogers, PA-C

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David Pelkowski, MD

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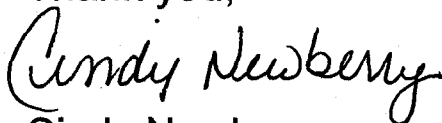
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In the next few weeks, you will be reviewing regulations regarding physician assistants practicing in PA.. I am asking you to support the proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18. I feel the proposed changes will provide me with better access to healthcare while maintaining the level of care I receive.

The proposed changes will allow my doctor time to address my medical needs in a timely manner because of the PA being able to see me more often and prescribe the medicine I need.

As a healthcare consumer in PA, I ask you to support these regulations which will give up to date healthcare in our state. Thank you for taking time to read this and for your consideration.

Thank you,

  
Cindy Newberry

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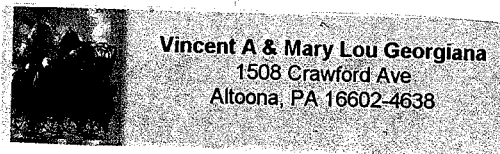
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As a healthcare consumer in the state of Pennsylvania, I ask you to support these regulations which will provide progressive up to date healthcare in our state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Mary Lou Georgiana*



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The proposed changes will allow my physician time to address my medical needs in a more timely manner due to the PA being permitted to see me more frequently and prescribe medications that I require at that time.

As a healthcare consumer in the state of Pennsylvania, I ask you to support these regulations which will provide progressive up to date healthcare in our state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Brownell*



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kowalyk in Greensburg, 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Dell Burkey at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. 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 regulations of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed regulation changes will allow for greater patient access leading to more timely and appropriate treatment of our patient population. These changes will also allow my supervising physician greater freedom to utilize his as well as my clinical and non clinical time in a more productive manor without compromise to my supervision.

As a licensed and certified physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I respectfully urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Neil Greene in Lancaster, 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 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 healthcare 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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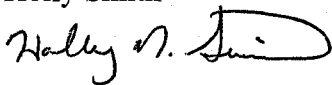
I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These modifications will allow me, as well as my supervising physician, to provide more efficient care for patients in the future.

The proposed regulations have been previously approved by the medical board and are now facing review by the legislature, public comment, and finally the medical board. The multitude of proposed modifications consolidate into one basic premise; a much needed update to PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will allow physicians to utilize their PA in the best means possible to better care for their patients, without diminishing supervision. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Better availability to appropriate and inexpensive treatments can be accomplished by adopting the alterations of prescription regulations.

The regulatory revisions represent an ever changing view of the modern health care system. They is an appropriate combination of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that will allow physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are nothing more than what other states have recently implemented.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, the care of my future patients will be positively affected by these proposed changes; therefore, I urge you to take them into consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Mr. Hummer:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

After 25 years of experience as a PA in direct patient care, I believe the changes proposed are desperately needed to allow PA's to function at the level of health care they are capable of providing. I believe the physician and physician assistant must be entrusted to make decisions affecting a PA's autonomy based on each individual patient needs and each individual PA's capabilities. The current rules directly lead to longer patient wait times, and therefore fewer patients seen without improving quality.

The blanket rule regarding "every 3<sup>rd</sup> visit or at least once a year" is without a doubt crippling every highly functioning physician-PA team in primary care. Physicians are forced to see routine annual exams and basic follow-up care visits that are most appropriate for a PA. This takes their time and attention away from those patients who need them most.

This rule's hindrance of providing the most economical and safe health care is only to be rivaled by the rule preventing a PA from efficiently utilizing highly prescribed medications such as Sudafed and Albuterol. Being allowed to prescribe a 30-day supply of schedule II controlled drug for ongoing therapy initiated by the physician or an initial 72-hour supply of schedule II controlled drug would also greatly help physicians in the care of our patients.

In the interest of physicians, physician assistants, patients and the entire Pennsylvania health care system, I urge the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine to adopt these previously approved regulations to help improve the functioning of our system. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

*Diane Lozosky PA-C*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a first year Physician Assistant student at Philadelphia University. 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 in the future 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. I plan to practice as a PA in the state of Pennsylvania after graduation and support these changes as they will make Pennsylvania a more desirable state for a PA to practice medicine. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. PAs are trained to serve the underserved populations, by changing the length of time for chart review it will be possible for a PA practicing in rural Pennsylvania to provide adequate care to an underserved population when needed, without having to depend on their supervising Physician to make an appearance to sign charts everyday when the office may not be as accessible to him as it is the PA. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. For PAs in the emergency room it will enable them to order Heparin and other blood medications immediately, providing better care to patients without a delay in treatment. All the proposed regulations will benefit patients by enabling PAs to provide adequate and efficient care and access to the most 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. By adopting these regulations we will be able to attract more students who are trained here to stay and practice here.

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

Sincerely,

*Alexandra Pursley*, PA-S  
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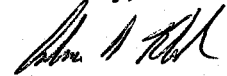
I am a Physician Assistant student currently attending a 5-year program at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my future profession and allow me and my future supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes for it will have a significant impact on my future career. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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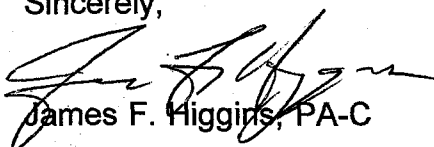
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David R. Brooker, MD., in Oil City and Clarion, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating the physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

  
James F. Higgins, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kenneth Mendel in Upland, 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.

The proposed changes have been approved by the medical board and now face review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes will increase the length of time for chart review by the physician, advance prescription privileges, and make patient appointments more adaptable as the supervising physician deems appropriate.

These regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of modern health care with appropriate balance of patient protection and physician assistant supervision. They will allow both supervising physicians and physician assistants to better utilize their time in providing quality health care in changing times.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania for the last eighteen years, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Julia K. Vargo PA-S*

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Brezin 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.

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As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David L. Fellenbaum, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a cardiothoracic physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Savas Mavridis in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my growing profession and allow me and my supervising surgeon to care for patients more efficiently.

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. We feel that the proposed regulations are in the best interest of our patients. They will allow surgeons to make the best use of their time and make the best use of their PA's without compromising care to their patients. Surgeons will now have more time before they need to review charts and relay treatment information. In short, this will enable the physician-physician assistant team to function more efficiently.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of today's health care system. These revisions are PA and MD friendly, but most importantly benefit our patients. They are an appropriate mix of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas. The provisions represented the regulations are well in line with language that has been adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in the state of Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank for very much.

Sincerely,

David M. Ferchalk PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a Physician Assistant Student at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in regards to the recently proposed changes related to Physician Assistants in the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. I greatly support these proposed regulations in that in the near future, it will allow my supervising physician and I to care for our patients in a more effective manner.

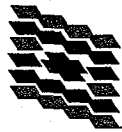
As you may already be aware of, these proposed regulations have been approved by the medical board. The next step in the process is to have these regulations reviewed by the legislature, public comment, and the final review by the medical board. The biggest change in these regulations is the update of Physician Assistant's privileges and rights in the state of Pennsylvania. A replacement of the list of duties a PA may perform to a broad statement that describes physician delegation will provide grounds for better patient care. Another great proposal would be eliminating the 90 day waiting period in which a PA can dispense a newly approved drug, thus being able to potentially provide better treatment options to the patients in need. Also, the PA-physician team is better enhanced by allowing the PA and the physician to determine when the PA must relay medical treatment information to the physician rather than imposing the 12-hour requirement. By changing the length of time a physician has to review a chart seems more practical in the entire realm of clinical practice today. These changes will help the physician in making better use of his PA staff.

These regulations will improve the entire health system as a whole. Also, these regulations are a reflection of the regulations in other states in the country.

As a PA student who will soon be graduating with a bachelor's in Health Science and beginning my series of rotations for my master's, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. It will allow me as a future PA to be of better help to my patients as well as my supervising physician. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Lundin



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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Piluiko in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the 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.

These changes are vital to allow physicians to make the best use of physician assistants without diminishing supervision and relaying of treatment information. Also, altering prescription regulations allows Pas better access to appropriate treatment, especially our surgical patients.

As a PA who has practiced in other states, these provisions represented in the regulations are in line with other states, while still allowing physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. I am thanking you in advance for your consideration into this matter.

Respectfully yours,

*Nancy Luxa-Le Blanc, PA-C*

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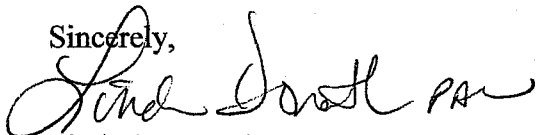
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael P. Rill in Christiana, Pennsylvania. I am writing to voice my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me to provide more effective and efficient primary care to our patients. Our patients are primarily residents of rural Pennsylvania, and are appreciative of the high quality care they receive from our physicians and physician assistants.

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 essentially update the regulation of physician assistants 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 modern 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Louis Certo in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposal 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.

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. The next step would be reviewed by the legislative, public comment, and the final review by the medical board. There are several changes but they will not diminish supervision and would allow physicians to make the best use of their physician assistants. The changing of the length of the time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. The elimination of the requirement for the physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit would make our practice more efficient and practical for our patients. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients a more efficient treatment and better access to appropriate treatments.

The revisions will provide a more practical, more efficient care of patients while allowing physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician's assistants. The provisions represented in the regulations are in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Sharon Montgomery, PA-C

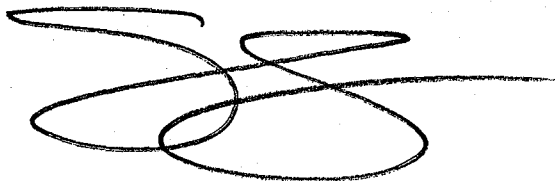
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant who works both as faculty at Duquesne University's PA program and at a local Emergency Department. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ann Erny, MPA, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am employed as a Physician Assistant, working under the supervision of Dr. William Welch, in Pittsburgh, PA. I am writing in regard to the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, which relates to Physician Assistants. I am in support of the proposed changes, which will update the regulation of my profession, and allow myself and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

I am sure you are aware of the proposed regulations, which have already been approved by the medical board, and which are currently awaiting review by the legislature, public comment and final review by the medical board. Essentially, the proposed changes, which are numerous, come down to a moderate update of the regulation of Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania. They allow for more efficient, but undiminished, supervision of Physician Assistants by their supervising M.D. The changes correlate with real clinical practice, allowing for improvements in length of time for chart review and treatment information relay, as well as better patient access to appropriate prescriptions and treatments.

These code changes represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They combine public protection with recognition of regulatory language, and provide for better utilization of Physician Assistants by their supervising doctors. These proposed changes correlate with language which has already been adopted in other states.

As a currently licensed and practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania, I am urging the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Charles Burmeister in Plumsteadville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes 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.

Increasing the amount of time required for countersignature to ten days would allow physician understaffed clinics to serve more patients effectively. Changing the requirement for the physician supervisor to see each patient every third visit or at least once a year is not practical in many practices. Adult patients in family medicine may not come in every year and I am sure that is true in many specialty practices. Removing the barrier of prescribing medications like Sudafed and Albuterol is essential. Many asthmatic patients rely on Albuterol in emergencies and must keep these medications immediately available. Waiting for a prescription from a physician may endanger the lives of our patients. The regulations will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their Physician Assistants.

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

Sincerely,



Annette Robertson-Geesin PA-C

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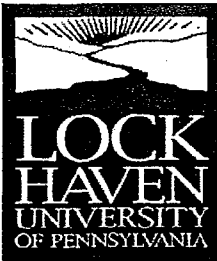
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *JW Barker Hunt PA-C*

Jane Barker-Hunt PA-C



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November 10, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am the director of the Physician Assistant Program at Lock Haven University, a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and 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 assist with keeping qualified health care providers within the Commonwealth of PA. Reducing barriers to effective utilization of physician assistants will expand employment opportunities and assist in reducing disparities in health care by facilitating creative staffing solutions that serve underrepresented populations.

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.

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

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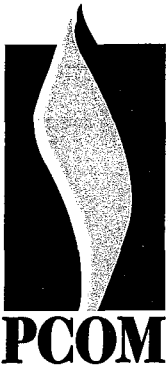
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am Chairman of the Physician Assistant Program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Graduates of our PA Education program work both for osteopathic and allopathic physicians. I personally have experience working as a PA for Pennsylvania Medical Doctors dating back to 1977. 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 graduates of our PA program to work with their supervising physicians 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John M. Cavenagh, PA-C, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am writing to you in order to voice my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. J. Stephen Shymansky in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

I feel that the proposed changes will enable physician assistants and their supervising physicians to provide care more effectively and provide better patient access to appropriate treatments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindest regards,



Michael Tometsko, PA-C

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant in Allentown, PA, working in the field of obstetrics-gynecology. I work under the supervision of Sheldon Linn, MD. I am in support of the proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18. These changes would update the regulation of my profession and allow me to more easily care for my patients more in a more effective manner.

In our current status as physician assistants, my supervising physician must see my patients every third visit and at least once per year. In essence, since many of my patients come in only for a yearly exam and have no other problems throughout the year, this requires my patient to be seen by my supervising physician at every visit. This is not only time consuming for my supervising physician and myself, but also the patient herself. For this reason, I see that physician assistants in OB/GYN have a short-lived profession, as this regulation is certainly hindering the availability to have a PA-C see a GYN patient in for her yearly exam.

These proposed regulations have already been approved by the medical board. I eagerly anticipate review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. These regulations will streamline but not diminish supervision. These will allow physicians to more efficiently use their PAs. As I am sure you are aware, these provisions are similar, if not identical, to language adopted by other states' medical boards. As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Lukens PA-C*  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am writing to you today in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants and their regulatory restrictions. I have been practicing as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth for nine years, and the proposed changes would update the present regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physicians to care for our patients more effectively. It is my understanding that the proposed regulations are in the next phase of review by the legislator as well as further comment and final review by the medical board. While there are numerous changes slated, they would provide a moderate update of the PA regulations in the Commonwealth. I do believe that this would allow more efficient use of Pennsylvania PA's while not diminishing supervision. The changes also will allow some latitude of the PA-physician's role in communicating information during clinical practice. Ultimately, I do feel that these changes would be a positive change allowing PA's to provide patients with better access to care.

As a licensed practicing surgical physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I wish to thank the board for their present support and urge that the proposed changes be adopted. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David L. Wolfe, PA-C  
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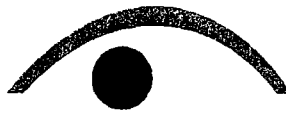
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Nov. 14, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I have been working as a physician assistant in Pennsylvania for twenty-eight years. I am presently working under the supervision of Dr. Jan Hilliker in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants has been working hard to update the state code as it pertains to the PA profession. I fully support the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, which have previously been approved by the medical board. I believe that these changes will allow for more effective control by the supervising physician and better care for the patient.

Proposed changes such as allowing the PA to prescribe newly-approved drugs which the supervising physician has chosen, instead of waiting 90 days, and giving the supervising doctor up to ten days to review and cosign charts, will allow the physician to make the best use of their PAs. The other changes are also moderate, but will be more in line with the reality of the position of the PA in modern medicine.

As these changes are reviewed by the legislature, the public, and finally by the medical board, I urge you to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Keller, PA-C

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November 21, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. William Rowe at Gastroenterology Associates of Central Pennsylvania, Hershey, 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 regulations of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for our 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 regulations in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their Physician Assistants.

Altering the prescription regulations for Physician Assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information will allow our busy practice to respond to the realities of clinical practice. This is true as well for extending the requirement of the physician supervisor to see a patient every third visit to a length of time determined by practice type and site. For example, our practice is strictly outpatient and I work closely with Dr. Rowe on a daily basis. Since he performs endoscopic procedures on my patients, he is routinely involved in their care and therefore it is not always necessary for him to specifically see a patient every third visit.

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 Physician Assistants. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Christy L. Balliet, MMS, PA-C

November 23, 2005

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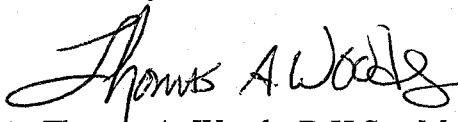
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Sciences at Saint Francis University and also I work for the Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, 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 the physician assistant students that we train at Saint Francis University to care for patients more effectively.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Woods, D.H.Sc., M. Ed., PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant that is employed in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Sciences at Saint Francis University. 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 regulations of my profession and allow the physician – physician assistant team to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed regulations have already been approved by the medical board. The next step in the process includes review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes to the regulations are many, they collectively are a moderate update of physician regulation in our state. The changes will permit physicians to make the best use of their PAs. These changes also address the realities of clinical practice in today's health care environment and will give patients better access to health care and appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of our modern health care system. These changes are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physician to safely, yet optimally utilize PAs.

As a licensed physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wright, MPAS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor / Clinical Coordinator

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November 26, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David P. Hughes in Lancaster, 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 the 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 prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. 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 a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

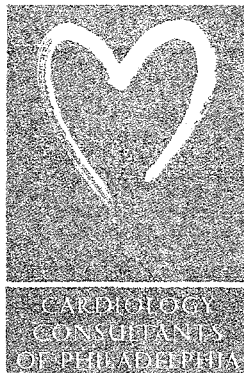
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November 23, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

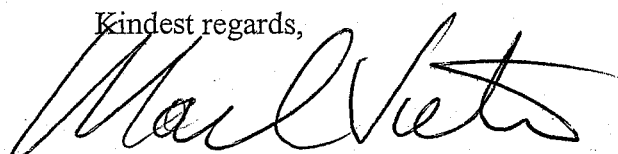
I am a physician who supervises Rose Covalesky, P.A.-C, and practices in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a needed modernization of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline supervision without diminishing the physician's role in providing care, and allow doctors 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.

I commend the Board's previous work and approval of these regulations. As you are well aware, the regulations were reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. They represent an important update and progressive view of the health care team. I anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed health care.

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

Kindest regards,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Mitesh Parekh, Dr. Vatche Minassian and Dr. Deborah Poplawsky, Department of Urogynecology at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. I am writing to you in support of the proposed changes to the 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 physicians to care for our 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 the 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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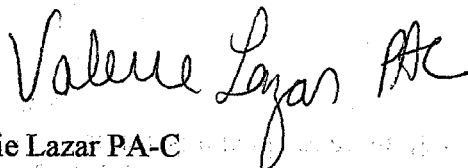
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Narien Grover in Allentown, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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

The proposed changes will facilitate more effective patient care by somewhat loosening the restrictions on physician assistants in Pennsylvania without diminishing supervision or endangering patient care. They will help physicians to make more and better use of their physician assistants via relaxing the prescription writing regulations and patient visit guidelines.

The revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system by allowing an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician assistants.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes; which are well in line with language adopted in other states. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Valerie Lazar PA-C

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November 16, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of internists at Blair Medical Associates in Altoona, 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 physicians 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.

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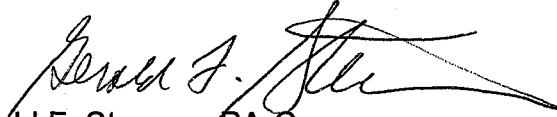
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gerald F. Steeves, PA-C  
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

My name is Cara K. Fox and I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. David Holsinger in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing to support 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.

The proposed changes have previously been approved by the medical board. These changes, although many will simply update the regulation of physician assistants in Pennsylvania. They will not lessen the supervision of physician assistants but will allow physicians to utilize physician assistants more effectively. I feel this will enhance patient care, not diminish it. I practice in the college health which is a unique setting. Some of the changes that will improve our practice are lengthening the required chart review timeframe from 3 to 10 days and changing the requirement that the physician see the patient every third visit to being involved in patient care as indicated by the practice setting.

The proposed revisions represent the progression of our modern health care system. The regulation of physician assistants must change to ensure optimum utilization of physician assistants while continuing to ensure the safety of the public. I believe these changes will do both. Other states have adopted similar regulations.

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

Sincerely,

Cara K. Fox PA-C, MPAS

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants, which have already been approved by the medical board.

I am a certified physician assistant, working under the direction and supervision of Donald Molenaar, MD. The revisions will allow us to care for patients more effectively.

I sincerely hope that the Board will consider and adopt the changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Timothy B. Grimes, PA-C

c: Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants

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November 18, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing in Pennsylvania for 6 years. I am currently under the supervision of Dr. Keith H. Wharton and have been for the past 4 years. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I feel these proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for our patients more effectively.

These proposed regulations, as you are well aware, have been approved by the medical board previously. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical medicine. The prescription regulation change will allow PAs to give their patients better access to important treatments. I know there are many proposed changes, however, they only represent a moderate update in the PA physician assistant rules.

I strongly urge you to consider this progression of my profession and the entire health care system. Our patient will benefit greatly from these changes as well. I feel the changes will allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs without compromising the supervision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am writing to you, the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine, to show my support for the proposed changes in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chap. 18, which regulates Physician Assistant practice here in the Keystone State. The new regulations are sorely needed in order for my fellow PA's and me, together with our supervising physicians, to give the people of Pennsylvania the best possible health care.

I actually met you years ago when I used to work in the OR at Crozer Chester Medical Center. I also worked with your son just before I resigned from Crozer. I had a great deal of respect for your group. Creating one group for all of the Orthopedic Surgeons was an idea that was ahead of its time. I am glad that a physician with your integrity and vision is doing the decision-making for the Board of Medicine in the state of Pennsylvania.

After careful deliberation, the medical board approved these revisions because they simplify the regulation of PA's while maintaining the safety factor that is the mandate of the board. The new regulations bring the practice of medicine in Pennsylvania into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Since the Board of Medicine has the final word on these new changes in the Code, let me say that as a PA, they make it easier to deliver safe, quality care to my patients.

I am sure that all practicing PA's in Pennsylvania are heartened that new provisions, such as the new prescriptive practice regulations, will allow us to deliver the same kind of care that other states have already allowed with great success. Our profession has strived to be recognized as caring and compassionate care providers that have acquired the training and expertise required to provide comprehensive medical care to our patients under the supervision of a physician. Please support my profession by approving these revisions, and allow my supervising physician and me to give Pennsylvanians the kind of care they deserve.

Sincerely,

*Robert Lowry, PA-C*

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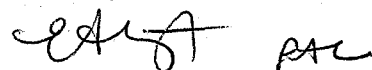
Dear Dr. Hummer:

My name is Emily Unverzagt and I am a physician assistant practicing in pediatrics under the supervision of Dr. Paul Chlpka in Sharon, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I believe that the proposed changes are timely and will allow physician assistants to function more effectively in their roles and better serve their supervising physicians and ultimately their patients.

The proposed regulations have been initially approved by the medical board and are now awaiting review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. As I review the proposed regulations, I cannot help but consider how they would improve my patient care ability and the degree to which I can assist Dr. Chlpka, my supervising physician, in his practice. Specifically, removing the barrier that prevents me from prescribing sympathomimetic agents, such as Sudafed and Albuterol, would greatly aid this busy pediatric office. Also, eliminating the requirement that the physician see each patient on every third visit or at least once a year, and instead allowing the physician the autonomy to decide what care is in the best interest of his patients. I believe that these changes would encourage the physician-physician assistant relationship and allow PAs to be utilized more fully to their potential. These provisions would also bring Pennsylvania up to date with those of other states.

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

Sincerely,



Emily A. Unverzagt, PA-C



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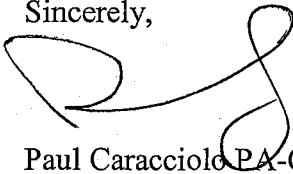
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Sang B. Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and 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 are now 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a cardiovascular physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Rajsekhar Devineni in Johnstown, PA. Home of the 1889 and 1977 floods. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my growing profession and allow me and my supervising surgeon to care for patients more effectively and more efficiently.

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 quite numerous, they are in the best interest of our patients. They will allow surgeons to make the best use of their time without compromising care to their patients. Surgeons will now have more time before they need to review charts and relay treatment information. In short, this will enable the physician-physician assistant team to function more effectively.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. These revisions are PA and MD friendly, but most importantly benefit our patients. 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 the regulations are well in line with language already adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in the Keystone State, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis D. Kitsko, PA-C".

Louis D. Kitsko, MPAS, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant currently practicing with Dr. Robert English, Jr. in the field of dermatology and cutaneous surgery. Our solo practitioner office is located in Smithfield, PA (just outside of Uniontown, PA). I have been a PA for more than four years and graduated with a Master's Degree.

I am writing I support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me any my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

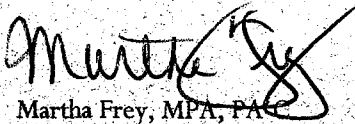
More specifically, the most important proposed change would be the elimination of the physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit of at least once a year. My responsibility as a PA is to provide quality medical care to my patients. If I see a need for my physician to see a patient (whether it is the next visit, the third visit or the sixth visit) I do not hesitate to seek his time for a visit with a patient.

The proposed regulations have been approved the medical board and we (PA's) are now facing the next step: review by the legislature, public comment and final review by the medical board. Physicians will still maintain supervision of P.A.s, but will allow more efficient use of their services.

Quality medical care and public protection will always be a concern to physicians and their designees. I thinks these proposed changes will allow for both circumstances to occur.

I urge you and the Board to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Martha Frey, MPA, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. A. Georgiades in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. By changing the length of time for chart review by the supervising physician and altering the prescription regulations for PA's, this will allow for more effective care of patients by both the PA and physician.

These proposed changes would update the regulation of PA's, keeping the public's safety and optimal utilization of the skills and knowledge of PA's in balance.

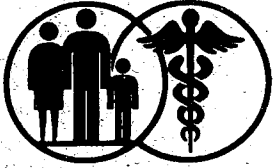
I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Susan L. Majernik PA-C*

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November 17, 2005

**Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman**  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant, practicing under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Kernich in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. I am writing you to indicate my avid support of the proposal Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. There are multiple changes in this proposal that would help streamline my work within my practice. For instance, each time I write a prescription for an Albuterol inhaler, I must find my supervising physician for his co-signature. These hindrances interrupt the care of my patients; when I could spend more quality time caring for their health, I find myself spending wasted time abiding by certain rules and regulations that govern my practice.

I acknowledge that many rules are enforced to ensure the patients receive quality, yet supervised care. Nonetheless, I recognize that certain regulations have become obstacles to effective and thorough health care. Thus, I urge your support in adopting the proposed changes in the aforementioned chapter of Pennsylvania health care codes. I strongly believe that this is a small step in ensuring that we remain a progressive group that strives to provide the best in health care. As you well know, these changes mirror many of the policies already in effect in other states; hence none of the changes would be considered radical for modern health care. I wish for your strong consideration in these proposed changes, as they will be indirectly beneficial to all Pennsylvania patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Jawdat Nikoula, M.D. Mark Gottron, D.O. Matthew Cole, D.O. Mark DeSantis, PA-C**

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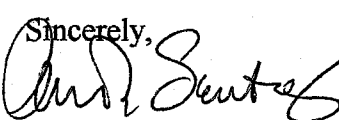
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jawdat Nikoula in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively. The present regulation language contains areas that create barriers to access for patients and potential situations for fragmented care.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Mark DeSantis, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, 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.

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

Sincerely,

*Trish Waddell, PA-S*

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

As a physician assistant here in the state of Pennsylvania, I am writing in support of the proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I ask that you consider these proposed regulations carefully and adopt the changes as stated. Pennsylvania is on the forefront of medicine in so many aspects. Please allow the PAs to work to their optimal capability in a safe, supervised and efficient manner. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Kross, PA-C*

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**Anne B. Mitchell, PA-C, M-PAS**  
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I have been a physician assistant for 23 years and am currently practicing under the supervision of Stephanie F. Russo, M.D. in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession which will improve the care of the patients not only in Dr. Russo's practice, but throughout Pennsylvania.

I understand that the proposed regulations have already 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 amount to just a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will not diminish supervision and will allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information will allow physicians more time to treat patients. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

The practice of medicine has greatly changed since I entered college to pursue this career back in 1978. I have never regretted my decision to become a PA and I hope to continue working in my home state of Pennsylvania for years to come. These changes are in keeping with many other states regulations for mid-level practitioners.

I urge the Board to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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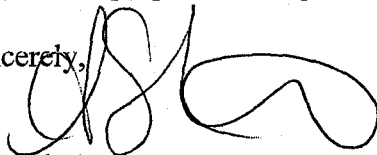
I am a physician assistant student, in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Amanda Steeves



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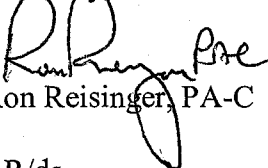
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr. MD, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a practicing physician assistant in Venango County, PA since 1990. My supervising physician is William Fee, MD who is a pulmonologist and internist. After reviewing the proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants, I would like to express my support. These regulation changes would allow me and my supervising physician to better care for our patients. Your support in these proposals are appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Reisinger, PA-C

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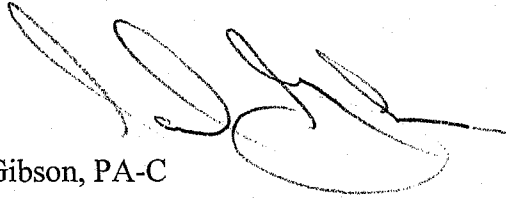
Charles D. Hummer Jr., MD Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a practicing physician assistant under the supervision of Dr. William Trachtman, Occupational Medicine; Dr. Ernest Swanson, Orthopedic Surgery; and Dr. Sergio Segarra, Sharon Regional Health System Emergency Care Center. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed changes of the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes are a much-needed update in the regulations in Pennsylvania and is of the utmost importance to the patients we treat giving them appropriate access to our modern health care system.

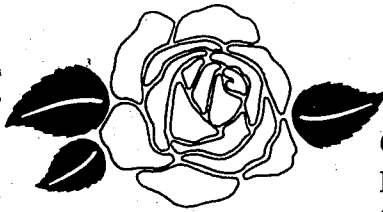
I appreciate the state medical boards' recognition of physician assistants in Pennsylvania. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Gibson, PA-C

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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 practicing under the supervision of Dr. Scott Mann in York, Pennsylvania. My current clinical setting is a family practice where there are four physicians and three physician assistants. 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 more efficient patient care.

I have been practicing in family practice for 10 years with the entire time spent in Pennsylvania. The last revision for regulations directing PA's occurred at about the same time I began practice. I personally can attest to restriction to care for my patients during this time due to existing regulations. The proposed changes would greatly enhance my effectiveness in providing care to the families I see daily. There have been changes in practice in that interval.. When I began practice in '92, there were only two PA's practicing in the York area. Now throughout York County they are found in family practice as well as many specialty practices.

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 care.

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

Sincerely,

Gregory R. Dunkelberger, MS, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing in Greensburg Pennsylvania under the supervision of Gary A. Vela, M.D. and Theodore A. Lazzaro, M.D. I have 18 years experience as a physician assistant and am currently in my third year working at my current practice. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18,, relating to physician assistants. I feel that the changes will bring up to date the regulation of my profession and permit me and my supervision physician to care for patients more effectively.

After reviewing the proposed changes, I believe that they would streamline physician supervision but not decrease the supervision or my relationship with supervising physicians. I have always had a great professional relationship with any of my supervising physicians with mutual respect, great communication and excellent patient care. I would like to see the proposed changes take place to enhance what is already a well-working system.

The proposed changes represent a modern and progressive view of the current health care system. They would be an appropriate mix of patient protection and regulations that allow the physician to effectively and safely utilize the PA.

I urge the Board to consider and adopt the proposed changes. As a physician assistant practicing in the state of Pennsylvania I strongly support the issues being presented to you. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

My name is Jan Fabiszewski. I am currently working as a physician's assistant under the supervision of Dr. Joshi and Dr. Sadashiv in Uniontown, PA. I am writing to you hoping to encourage you to support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These proposed changes will allow me to practice more effectively in today's medical community.

The medical board has previously approved these proposed regulations. Now is the time for legislature review, public comment, and final medical board review. These proposed changes will serve as an update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will allow physician's assistants to be utilized more productively, while still allowing proper supervision by the physician. These changes would better suit clinical practice in regards to changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information. Updating prescription regulations for PAs will benefit patients by permitting better access to the treatment they need.

These revisions will help to modernize the PAs role in today's health care system. They not only allow for continued public protection, but also allow for physicians to safely use PAs to their full potential. Other states provide examples of how these regulations can be utilized.

I strongly encourage the board to adopt these changes for physician's assistants. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jan Fabiszewski PA-C*

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