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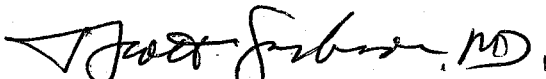
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a substitute supervising physician for Susan Dubowy, PA-C, who joined our practice one year ago. I support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

The proposed changes would be beneficial to our patients and to our practice. The current regulation requiring that a patient have every 3rd visit scheduled with a physician is confusing and frustrating to many of our patients. If they have seen Mrs. Dubowy on two other occasions and were pleased with her care, and call, for example, requesting an appointment with her for symptoms of a sinus infection, they are told they cannot see her for this visit. A change in this regulation will allow us to use physician time more appropriately for medically complex patients and allow our patients with less complex issues see the provider they choose. We are sure that Mrs. Dubowy will continue to seek our input and involvement in patient care as medically necessary.

I appreciate the Board's previous work and urge them to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,


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