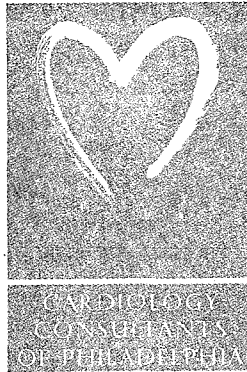


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Dear Dr. Hummer:

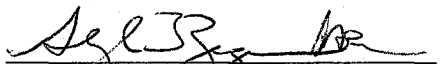
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Roselle Mesmer in Upland, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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

Now that the proposed regulations have 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 are essentially 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 are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The proposed 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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