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Dear Dr. Hummer:

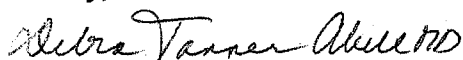
I am a Dermatologist practicing in Pittsburgh and Wexford, Pennsylvania. I am a physician assistant supervisor of Dayna Turrill, MPAS, PA-C and am writing in support of the proposed changes for regulations of PAs under Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. These proposed changes would allow me to use the physician assistant more effectively in the care of our patients. It is not always reasonable for me to see every patient once a year or every third visit. To abide by the current regulations, we must re-arrange the schedule to make sure the right provider is seeing that particular patient. Though all proposed changes are important, this is the most relevant to our practice.

The proposed regulations that are up for review are not meant to diminish the amount of supervision I have over my physician assistant, but rather to optimize patient care and efficiency.

As you are well aware, the health care system is changing and in order to continue to use physician assistants effectively the regulations should support these changing views. It has come to my attention that many other states have the proposed regulations in effect without compromising patient safety.

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

Sincerely,



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