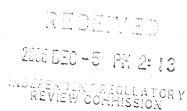
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Behavioral Health System

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



Dear Dr. Hummer,

As a Physician Assistant working in the area of Psychiatric and Addiction Medicine I am working under the supervision of **Dr. Thambipillai Sureshkumar**, at Fairmount Behavioral Health System in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I fully support the proposed changes in the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 currently under review by the State Board of Medicine.

These changes will allow me to provide better access and more effective medical care in a more timely manner to my patients.

In addition, these new regulations will allow my supervising physicians to make better use of my 25 (TWENTY -FIVE) years of health care experience. I work in the area of behavioral health and addiction medicine with those less fortunate and under privileged.. Updating these regulations will allow me to provide **BETTER ACCESS** to health care for my patients.

These new regulations allow for supervising physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language in other states.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Bernard Stuetz PA-C, M. A. 162 Harrison Ave. Glenside, PA 19038 Sincerely,

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