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Charles D. Hummer, Jr. M.D., Chairman
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November, 18, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer;

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gregory Tuke at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the emergency room. 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 regulations for my profession and allow my supervising physician and myself to care for patients more effectively.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations were previously approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they amount to moderate updates of PA regulations 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 a blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allow to optimally and safely utilize PAs in their practices. 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 regulation 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. 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.

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Sincerely,



Peter Goldberg PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Ruggiero Jr, MD in Malvern, 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.

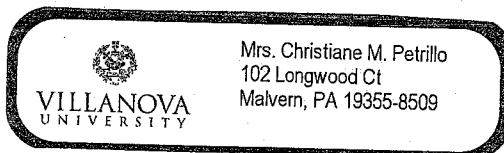
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christiane Petrillo, 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 future profession and allow my supervising physician and I, to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Bonnar

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Dear Dr. Hummer;

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Phyllis Leaman at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the emergency room. 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 regulations for my profession and allow my supervising physician and myself 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 regulation changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lane Bower, PA-C, MHSc
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Lee Anton in 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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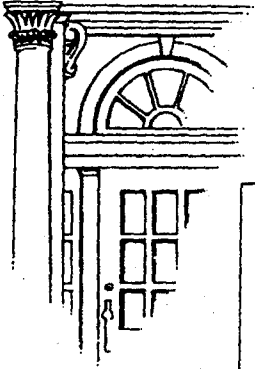
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Crystal Byerly, PA-C



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November 21, 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. Regis McHugh 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,

Christa J. McHugh, PA-C
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Theodor Kaufman in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. You might not be aware that we practice a very small community. The current three-visit rule is impairing the ability to give easy access to patients in the Commonwealth, especially small communities like ours. There are times that a patient needs to be seen several times in a short period of time for such care as dressing changes, etc. A PA could easily carry out these encounters. Currently, the patient has to see the physician for each third visit. This can be difficult in an already hectic physician schedule. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

They will make it easier for the physicians and PAs to work together to provide timely and effective care to the patients in the Commonwealth. It can be difficult for supervising physicians to co sign charts in the current time period. The proposed time-frame is much more physician-friendly.

The proposed revision to the regulations still provides the basic dependent practitioner idea to physician assistants while allowing busy supervising physicians a little more leeway in carrying out the administrative regulations set for by the Board.

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

Sincerely,



Wendy A. Haldeman, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gerard A. Garguilo, 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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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kristin H. Joltes, PA-C
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Dionna Rookey PA-S
226 Carson St
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

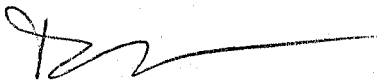
I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my future profession and allow me 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 and are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. These changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs.

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

Sincerely,



Dionna Rookey

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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,



Ben Meighen PA-C

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Donald L. Miller, M.D.
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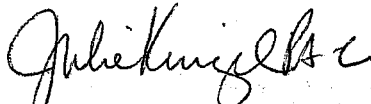
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of eight physicians in a large gastroenterology practice in Colmar, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow us 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,


Julie Kinzel, PA-C

Donald L. Miller, M.D.
Board certified Gastroenterologist
Primary supervising physician

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Dear Dr. Hummer

I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The current proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow my supervising physician and I to care for patients more effectively.

As you well know and are aware of, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, and are now facing the next step in the process that would include: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. Despite the proposed changes being numerous, they actually result in a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will modernize and update but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to more effectively utilize their physician assistants and their skills. In modifying the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of the clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for physician assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments and overall healthcare.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view and pathway to the modern health care system. They are an appropriate combination 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 to many other states.

As a proud physician assistance student in the state of Pennsylvania, I strongly encourage the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric Nelson PA-S

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442 FVAN LANE
BEDFORD, PA 15522

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a first year masters 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 will hopefully allow me and my future supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. Now the proposed regulations 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 student and future physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Amy E. Cloutier

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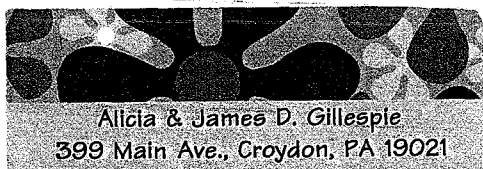
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, and a future Pennsylvania Physician Assistant, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alicia Gillespie PA-S
Alicia Gillespie, PA-S





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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ryan in Hermitage, 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,
[Signature]

John W. Flickinger, PA-C

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November 23, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing to inform you of my support for the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to my position as an aspiring physician assistant. The proposed changes will be very beneficial to the profession and will allow the physician assistant and supervising physician to practice and care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

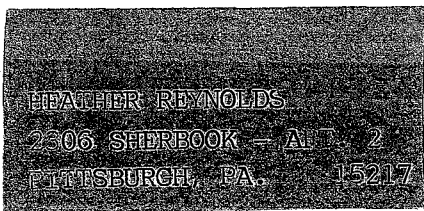
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Reynolds PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Fernando Estrada at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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,

Maureen A. Barrett, PA-C



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P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Marc Granson at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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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Tara Reighard, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Steve Berman at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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,



Michelle Behler, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Eric Mayer at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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,

Rachelle Beermann, PA-C



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Sonja Burmeister PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Lennert at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. James Balshi at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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,

James Boccardi, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

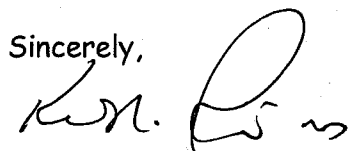
I am a physician who supervises Michael Van Grouw, PAC, and practices in Scotland, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania code title 49, chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulations of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Kenneth Rictor M.D.



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Shelly Dranko, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

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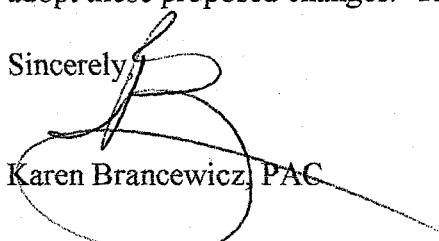
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Frank Kush in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and 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,


Karen Brancewicz, PAC

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Drexel University 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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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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program at Philadelphia University. Recently I heard about the anticipated changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 in regards to physician assistants. After reviewing these regulations I now realize how important they are to the future of the PA profession here in Pennsylvania.

I understand that these proposed changes are in the beginning stages of being accepted, both by the public and the medical board. Many of these regulations are currently in practice in other states, and are working out very well for both the PA and their supervising physician. For instance, one of the current rules is that the supervising physician must see the patient every third visit. The new requirement calls for the physician to become involved as needed in regards to the type of practice and to the patient's current condition. By changing this would be beneficial not only to the PA and their physician, but to the patient as well. I say this because in some cases patients see PA's only as their primary health care provider. This means that the PA is most familiar with the patient's history and knows what is best for the patient. The supervising physician may be familiar with the patient's case, but not as well as the PA. If this new regulation is adopted then the patient will end up seeing their PA most of the time, and only see the physician if the PA thinks it is necessary.

The other proposed revisions will all help in improving the quality of health care given to patients. They will also help supervising physicians to have a better relationship with their PA's and to allow the physician's to better utilize the talents of their PA's.

Beginning in July I will be starting the first of my rotations, many of which will take place in Pennsylvania. I do not know if I will be practicing in this state, but I know that many of my fellow classmates will be. Therefore I think it is imperative that the Board adopts these new revisions. Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Michelle L. Paravati PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Patterson at University Health Service, Pennsylvania State University, University 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.

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D. Lynn Huddell, Physician Assistant-Certified

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Scott Weisenfluh PA-C
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

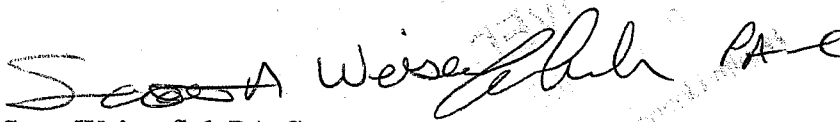
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kurt P. Moran M.D. in Scranton, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession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

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Sincerely,



Scott Weisenfluh PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a student at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania studying to become a physician assistant. 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 for the profession that I have chosen to study and also allow me and the supervising physicians that I will someday work for to care for patients more effectively.

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As a student who is working hard to become a physician assistant in the future, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Tisevich

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November 21, 2005

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

Dr. Dr. Hummer:

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seem extensive, they essentially boil down to a moderate update of the current
Pennsylvania regulations pertaining to physician assistants. These proposed regulation
changes will streamline physician supervision, while at the same time in now way
diminish said supervision. This will allow physicians to better utilize their physician
assistants and in turn provide for better all around patient care. By changing the length of
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regulations for PAs, patients will have better access to treatment options on a timelier
basis.

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that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize their PAs. The provisions
represented in the proposed regulation changes are well in line with similar language
adopted by other states.

As a current physician assistant student, I urge the Board to adopt these changes. It is no
secret that Pennsylvania has many impoverished and underserved areas when it comes to
medical care. These changes will grant physician assistants to ability to better serve these
populations and help to bridge the ever-widening gap of medical care in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jason C. Fowler



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November 22, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

Hello, I am a physician assistant who primarily works in family medicine and pediatrics; I practice under the supervision of Dr. David Hoyt, Dr. William Prenatt, Dr. Edward Smith and Dr. David Hefner, in Grove City and Sandy Lake, 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 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 abundant, they will reasonably update the PA regulations in Pennsylvania. They will make it more efficient for the supervision and allow the physicians to better utilize their PAs. By varying the length of time for chart review, and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Changing the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represents a progressive view of the modern health care system. This is an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulator language that allows physicians to effectively and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations have been adopted by other states.

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

Sincerely Yours,

Kelly Barton PA-C
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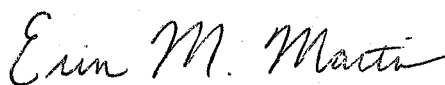
I am a physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me to care for patients more effectively once I am a practicing PA.

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

Sincerely,



Erin M. Martin

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ronald Cypher in Butler, 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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Edward Camerino in Ephrata Family Practice, Ephrata, Pennsylvania in family practice. 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 regulations for my profession and allow my supervising physician and myself to care for patients more effectively.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations were previously approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they amount to moderate updates of PA regulations 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 a blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allow to optimally and safely utilize PAs in their practices. 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 regulation changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Kurpiel PA-C

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I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gary Zartman 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.

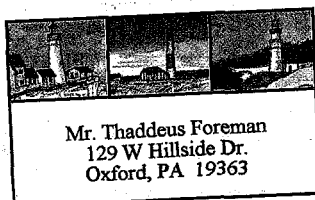
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Thaddeus C Foreman PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Lebby and Dr. Ververeli in Allentown and Bethlehem, 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 Physician Assistants. 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 Physician Assistants 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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Richard Greenberg 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dougherty".

John Dougherty, M.H.S., P.A.-C.
Physician Assistant
Division of Surgery, Urology Section
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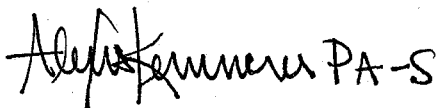
I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University and will be graduating in August of 2007. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes would have an extremely positive effect on the physician assistant profession and would allow for more optimal patient care by both the physician assistant and the supervising physician. I write this letter not only as a future physician assistant whose career will be greatly impacted by these changes, I also write it as the patient of a physician assistant. As a patient I support these measures and I am confident that they will improve my care and my relationship with my health care provider.

As I am sure you are aware, the proposed regulations have already been approved by the medical board and are now in the process of facing the next step in the review process. They will be reviewed by legislature and the general public before a second, final review by the medical board. Although there are numerous changes proposed for the PA profession they all aim toward one goal, a moderate update in PA regulation in Pennsylvania to better serve the medical field. The changes will not diminish supervision they will merely allow physicians to make better use of their PAs. Changes in the length of time required for chart review and the ability to relay treatment information will better accommodate for the realities of clinical practice. Altering prescription regulations for physician assistants will provide patients will better access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions are an appropriate mixture of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that will allow physicians and the public to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions included in the regulations are well in line with measures adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Alexis Kemmerer PA-S

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November 22, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under multiple physicians at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, 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 me and my supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively.

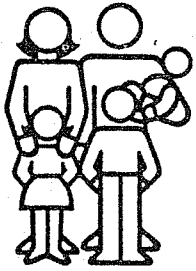
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The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of the regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in these 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,

Lisa K Mitchell, PA-C
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of the physicians of Mountville Family Practice in Mountville, 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,

L. James Aikens, PA-C
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FACP, MHA

Ronald J. Williams, MD

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under supervision of Philip Masters, MD, FACP in 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 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,

Kathleen Kenndey, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Howard J. Gerstein 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.

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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 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 in the State of Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best personal regards,



Brian A. Martin, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Virginia Barlow in Coudersport, 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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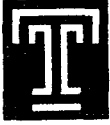
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As a licensed and practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Terri Evrard Joyce PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gary S. Cohen at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code 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,

Maryanne Speiser, MHS, PA-C



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November, 18, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer;

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gregory Tuke at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the emergency room. 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 regulations for my profession and allow my supervising physician and myself to care for patients more effectively.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations were previously approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they amount to moderate updates of PA regulations 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 a blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allow to optimally and safely utilize PAs in their practices. 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 regulation changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lane Bower, PA-C, MHSc
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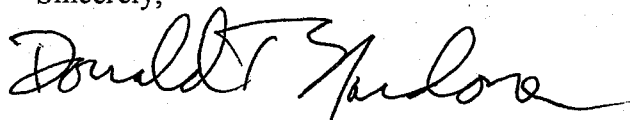
I am a physician who supervises Lisa Koropchak, PA-C, and practices in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow 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 PA's. 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 would help alleviate scheduling difficulties and promote continuity of care. 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 PA's 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 licensed physician 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 who supervises Brenda Terrell, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively. The new standards would be more comparable to those for nurse practitioners which are already in force.

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.

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

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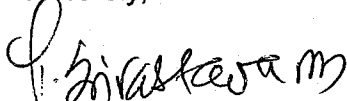
We are physicians who supervise Jodi Ewig, MPAS, PA-C, and practices in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. We are writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow us and our 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.

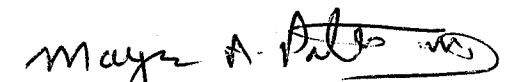
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As licensed physicians in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a needed modernization of physician assistant 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 licensed physician in Pennsylvania, 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 who supervises Shannon Bordt, PA-C and Tonya King Martin, PA-C, and practices in Greensboro, 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 assistants 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, especially in rural areas. 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.

Sincerely,

Nathan B. Duer, M.D.
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Dear Mr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Tammara Fazzolare, PA-C and Lisa Remaley, PA-C, and practices 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 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 replaying 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 licensed physician 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 "George Mazariegos".

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises George Zimmerman PA-C and William Eschrich PA-C. My practice is in Hanover, Pennsylvania where I serve as the medical director at HanoverWorks at Hanover Hospital.

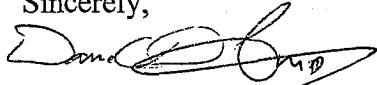
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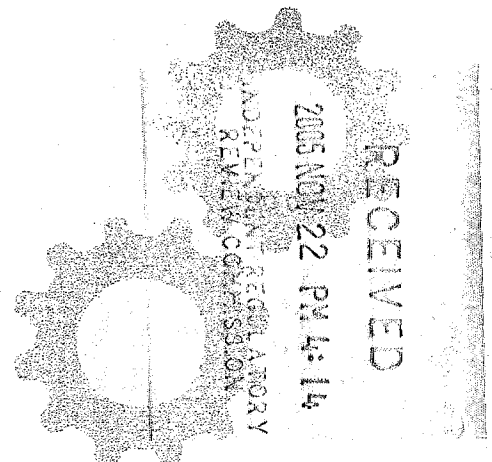
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As licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Warren Daniels, M.D.



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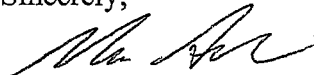
I am a physician who supervises Melissa A. Kauffman MPAS, PA-C, and practices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My practice is looking to expand and hire another PA in the near future. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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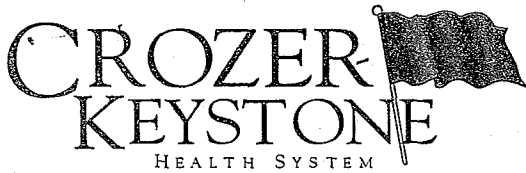
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As licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marc Adelsheimer, MD



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Viraj Parikh, PA-C and Wendy Whetzel, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

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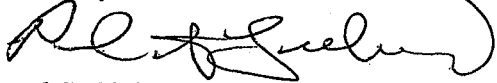
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As licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul S. Lieber, MD

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

As a supervising physician of a physician assistant, 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 the profession and allow us to care for my 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 me to make the best use of my 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 me 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 in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Miller Oddy, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices in Pittsburgh, and currently utilizes physician assistants (PAs). 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 the PA profession and allow physicians and PAs 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 PAs. It will also allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. One of my PAs duties is post-operative care in which pain medications are essential. If the PA prescribing regulations are modified our patients will receive better access to prescription medications. Also, 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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Fred Heidenreich, Jr., M.D.

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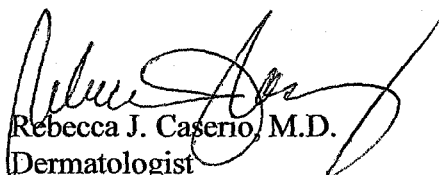
I am a dermatologist practicing in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania. I supervise the practice of one physician assistant, Alison Ravis, MPA, PA-C. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of this profession and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,


Rebecca J. Caserio, M.D.
Dermatologist



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Bradley Nace, MSPAS, PA-C, and practices in Reading, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed change 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.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician practicing with Tara Rinehart a PA-C under my supervision 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 physician assistants allowing the physician assistant in my office as well as myself to care for patients more effectively.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a supervising physician of Ms. Michele Bafle a certified physician assistant practicing in 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 the PA profession and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



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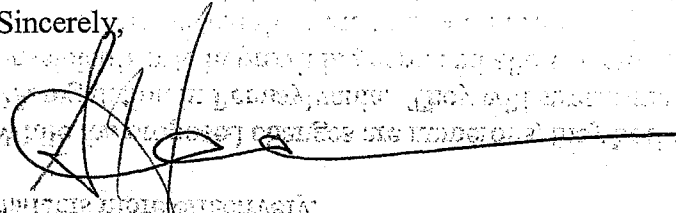
I am a physician who supervises Abrin Jacobson, PA-C, and practices in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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I am a physician who practices in Danville, Pennsylvania. I have worked with physician assistants and encourage the adoption of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Bruno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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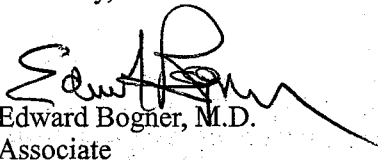
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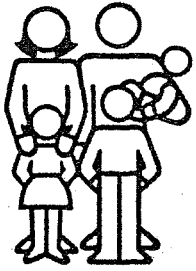
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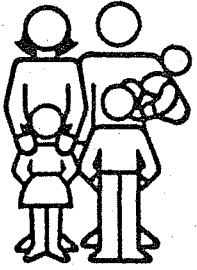
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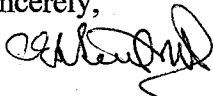
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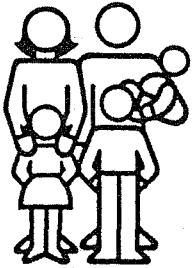
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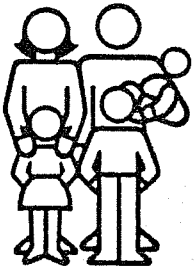
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As a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James A. Bernheisel, M.D.
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Sincerely,

Randy R. Westgate, M.D.
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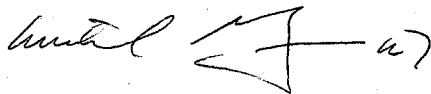
I am a physician who practices in Pittsburgh, and currently utilizes physician assistants (PAs). I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of the PA profession and allow physicians and PAs 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 PAs. It will also allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. One of my PAs duties is post-operative care in which pain medications are essential. If the PA prescribing regulations are modified our patients will receive better access to prescription medications. Also, 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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Gaffney, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Abrin Jacobson, PA-C, and practices 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 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 licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick R. Feehan, MD

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Michael M. Stefan, M.D., P.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 plastic and reconstructive surgeon who employs a physician assistant 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 the PA profession and allow me and my physician assistant 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 necessary update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will modernize 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 necessary medications. All together, the proposed changes will result in a more harmonious relationship between the patient, my PA, and myself.

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 utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As an allopathic physician practicing in Pennsylvania with the help of a PA, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Very truly yours

Michael M. Stefan, M.D., P.C.

Wissahickon Orthopaedic Specialists, P.C.

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Michael F. Cavanaugh, M.D.

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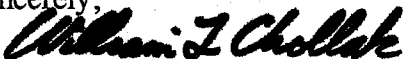
We are orthopaedic surgeons who supervise Steven A. Marshalick, PA-C and Matthew Cadwallader, PA-C. We practice in Flourtown and at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. We are writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow us and our physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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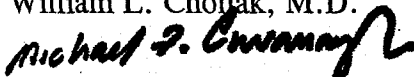
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As licensed physicians in Pennsylvania, we urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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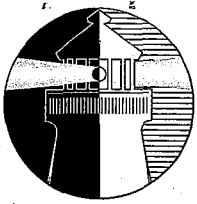


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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Caryn Dudinski, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,

Ralph G. Walton, M.D.
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November 10, 2005

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

I am a physician who supervises Kim Stark and Jen Teagarden, PA-C, and practices in Rogersville, 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 assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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I commend the Boards 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.

Sincerely,

Martha Noftzger, M.D.

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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 who supervises, Michele Deeley, PA-C, and practices in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

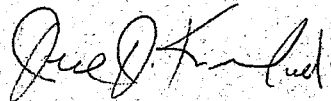
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As a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Joseph J. Kernich, MD

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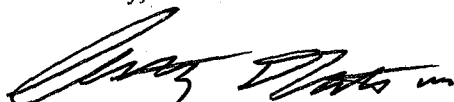
I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. As a supervising physician of a PA in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, I feel the proposed changes will update the regulation of the physician assistant profession, allowing PAs and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

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, and are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes ultimately update the regulation of PAs in Pennsylvania, enabling the continuity of patient care. They will streamline, not diminish supervision, allowing 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 supervising physician of a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Anthony F. Uberti, M.D.



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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 physician who supervises Michelle Wade, PA-C. We practice in Fort Washington, 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.

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Andrew Lubell, MD

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

I am a physician who supervises Michelle Wade, PA-C. We practice in Fort Washington, 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.

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Sincerely,

Bruce Lockman, MD

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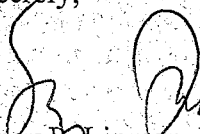
Our group is the sole provider of ENT services in Erie, Pennsylvania. We have had a physician's assistant for approximately the past 15 years. We currently supervise David Martin, PA-C. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. Our group has found the use of a physician assistant to be vital to our ability to render timely, high quality care to our patients. These proposed changes will clearly allow us to care for our patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,


Sidney P. Lipman, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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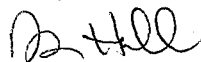
I am a physician who supervises Peter R. Murray, PA-C, and practices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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

Sincerely,



David G. Hall, M.D.

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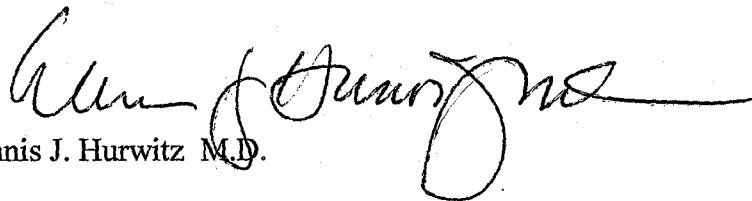
I am a physician who supervises Monica N. Furniss, PA-C, and practices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and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

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Sincerely,



Dennis J. Hurwitz M.D.

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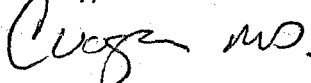
I am a physician who supervises Terry Knepshield MMS,PA-C and practices in Cowansville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and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

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Sincerely,



Clifford R Vogan M.D.

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

I am a physician who supervises Jacqueline J. Cunning, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Andrew E. Krick M.D.

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November 11, 2005

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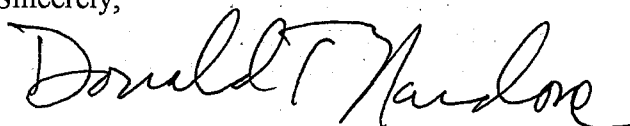
I am a physician who supervises Kirsten Eldred, PA-C, and practices in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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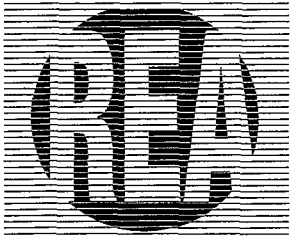


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November 15, 2005

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

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Jessica Turka, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,

Stephen H. Cooksey, M.D.

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Dear Sir/Madam;

We are writing you this letter in support of the proposed changes to your current Physician Assistant/Medical Doctor relationship under Pennsylvania Code Title #49, Chapter 18.

We provide general medical services to a variety of patients in a "walk-in" semi-acute care medical clinic located in Kingston, PA.

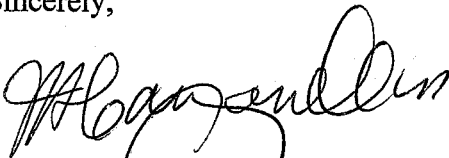
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The primary purpose of retaining a Physician Assistant in not only our practice, but other medical practices, is to allow us as medical providers a viable option in providing a higher continuum of medical care.

I believe that the Physician Assistant by virtue of education, training and certification is qualified to render medical services for patients who may present with a variety of medical concerns over several visits and that we as Physicians will be able to optimize our care for the more complicated patient.

Please feel free to contact me in order to address any concerns or to advise me as to the direction that you will be taking.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Campanella, M.D.



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We are writing you this letter in order that you may consider the feasibility of amending a portion of your current Physician Assistant/Medical Doctor relationship.

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Stanley M. Stanish, M.D.



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November 16, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D.
Chairman, State Board of Medicine
Bureau of Occupational & Professional Affairs
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: Regulation 168-4916
PA Code, Title 99, Chapter 18
Relating to Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Hummer:

As you know, it is our mission to remove the barriers that exist in our present regulations which prohibit access to care of our patients and compromise our ability to provide care effectively.

The requirement for weekly review of patient and supervisor countersignature of medical record entries made by the P.A. within three days needs to be changed to a countersignature being made within 10 days.

It is further requested and felt absolutely imperative that the requirement for physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit or at least once a year be changed to allow for recognizing that the involvement of the physician supervisor be predicated on factors such as practice type, and site, and the condition of the patient. This would also apply to satellite facilities. Thirdly, at present, P.A.'s may not prescribe or dispense Schedule I or II controlled drugs. This proposal calls for allowing P.A.'s to prescribe or dispense Schedule II controlled drugs for initial therapy up to 72 hour dose scheduling and requires that they notify the supervising physician within 24 hours. The proposal would further allow the P.A. to write for a Schedule II drug for up to 30 day's supply if the original prescription was ordered and approved by the ongoing therapy by the supervising physician.

Finally, these actions would remove the barrier of prescribing sympathomimetic medications (i.e., pseudoephedrine and albuterol).

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter, and, hopefully, these changes will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,


Cary Cummings, III, M.D.

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Samuel T. Clayton, Jr., M.D.

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November 15, 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 practicing physician in Yardley, Pennsylvania, and supervisor to a physician assistant. 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 the PA profession and allow me and my PA to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Aldo Ciccotelli, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a supervising physician of Ms. Michele Bafle a certified physician assistant practicing in 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 the PA profession and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Vatche Minassian, MD
Urogynecologist

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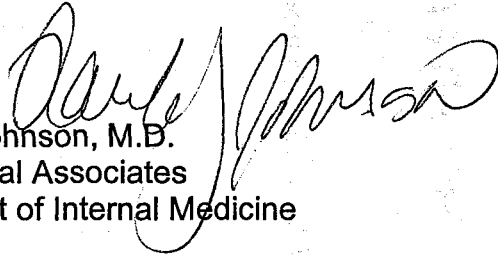
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As a licensed and practicing physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Paula Z. Johnson, M.D.
Blair Medical Associates
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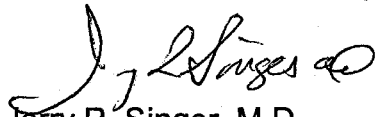
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Sincerely,



Jerry R. Singer, M.D.
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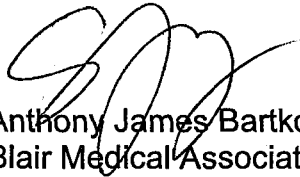
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman

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Anthony James Bartkowiak Jr, M.D.
Blair Medical Associates
Department of Internal Medicine

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman

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Sincerely,

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Michael J. Schlechter, M.D.

Blair Medical Associates

Department of Internal Medicine

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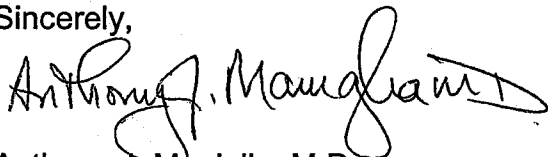
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Anthony J. Maniglia, M.D.
Blair Medical Associates
Department of Internal Medicine

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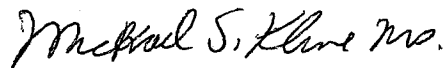
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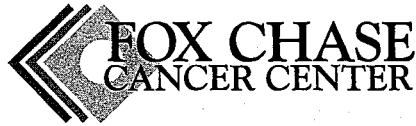


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November 15, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

As an Senior Member and surgeon in the Department of Surgical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, I would like to inform you of my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will allow our physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow us to more fully utilize our PAs in the patients interest . Altering the prescription regulations will allow the PAs to provide more effective pain management for our surgical patients. The changes will allow the PAs to write orders for Schedule II drugs while they take in house call, eliminating the need to find a physician. In addition, the PAs 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.

Our PAs have been an asset to the Department and we believe they can function much more effectively by the adoption of these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am the chief of the division of Urologic Oncology in the Department of Surgical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center located in Philadelphia. I would like to inform you of my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will clearly allow our physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and thus allow us to more fully utilize our PA's, to their fullest capacity, and our patient's ultimate benefit. Altering the prescription regulations will facilitate more effective pain management for our surgical patients. The changes will allow the PA's to write orders for Schedule II drugs while they take in house call, eliminating the need to find a physician. In addition, the PAs 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.

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Our PAs have been a major asset to the Department and we believe they can function much more effectively by the adoption of these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Greenberg, MD, FACS
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

As Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, I would like to inform you of my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will allow our physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

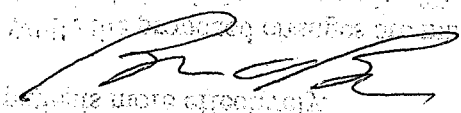
I am a physician who supervises Abrin Jacobson, PA-C, and practices in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow 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 licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Brod, MD



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November 22, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a supervising Physician of Physician Assistants at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, 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 this profession and allow the PA and myself 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 regulations in Pennsylvania. They will certainly 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 regulation for PAs is essential and 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 the regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Tracy Schott, PA-C and practices in Danville, 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.

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As a licensed physician 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 who supervises Lara J. Nakao, PA-C, and practices in Terre 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 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.

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As licensed physician 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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing at Geisinger Medical Center in the Department of Hematology Oncology in Danville, Pennsylvania. My practice is focused in the area of Oncology, which means I work under the supervision of Dr. Albert Bernath, Dr. Charles White, Dr. Amy Law, Dr. Samir Kheiri and Dr. Aneela Ali. 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 physicians and me to care for 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 physician assistants. 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 physician assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

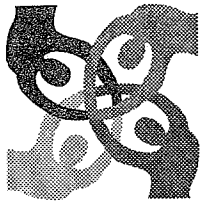
The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician assistants. The provisions represented in the regulations 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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Timothy L. Swift, PA-C, MHS, ATC



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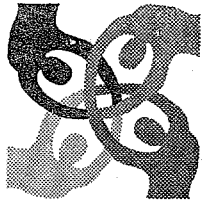
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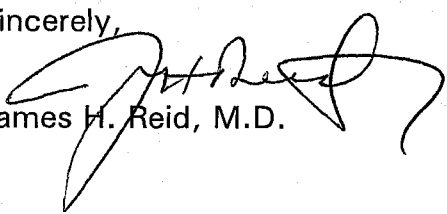
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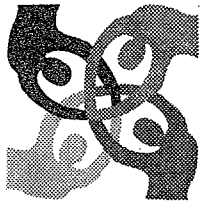
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Evan C. Reese, Jr. in Easton, 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 the clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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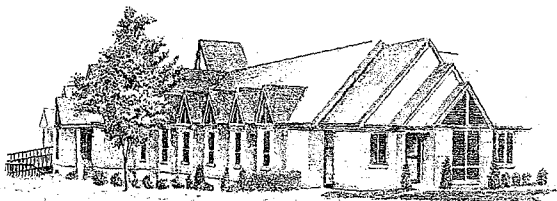
As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

I am a physician who supervises Denise Shearer, PA-C, and practices in Butler, 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.

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

Sincerely,


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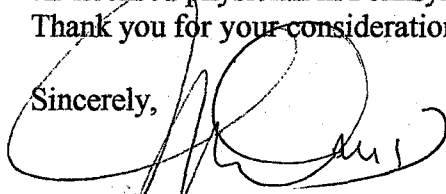
I am a physician who supervises Mark DeSantis, PA-C, with offices in Irwin, Greensburg, and Jeannette, Pennsylvania. We have a large patient base which also includes nursing facilities. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Jawdat Nikoula, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a medical physician who employs Anne B. Mitchell, PA-C in my pediatric practice 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 physician assistants and allow me and Ms. Mitchell to care for patients more effectively.

While the proposed changes are numerous, they are a needed update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will simplify 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.

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

Sincerely,



Stephanie F. Russo, M.D.

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD
Chairman - PA State Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician who supervises Carrie Wadsworth, PA-C and practices in Pittsburgh, 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Neil A. Busis, MD



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November 14, 2005

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

I am a physician who supervises Beth Ann Schoch, PA-C, and practices in Bethlehem, 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.

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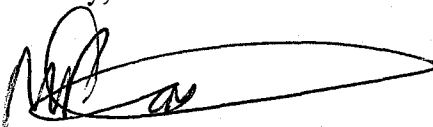
I am a physician who supervises Doreen Storz, PA-C, and practices in Reading, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me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

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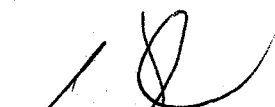
I am a physician who supervises Marcie Fitzgerald, PA-C, and practices in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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I am a physician who supervises James F. Higgins, PA-C, and practices in Oil City and Clarion, 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.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Jesse A. Coale, PA-C and Trinell Genga, PA-C and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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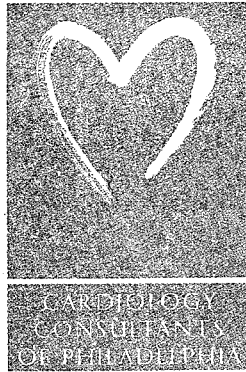
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I am asking you to review these proposed changes made in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the regulations, please feel free to contact me or the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the address below:

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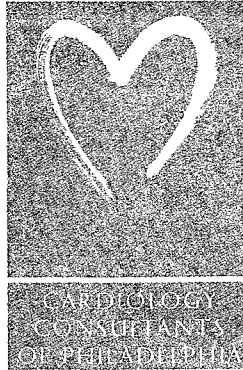
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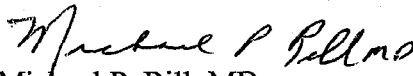
I am a physician who supervises Linda E. Donath, PA-C, and practices in Christiana, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow the physician/ PA team to provide effective, high quality care.

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Michael P. Rill, MD

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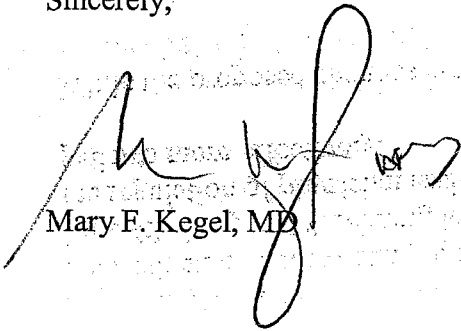
I am a physician who supervises Abrin Jacobson, PA-C, and practices in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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Sincerely,



Mary F. Kegel, MD



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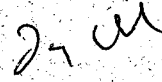
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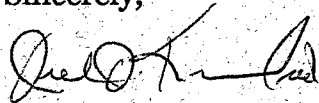
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Joseph J. Kernich, M.D.



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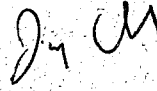
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

John P. Michel, M.D.
Family Practice, Geriatrics

Robert L. Grieco, M.D.
Family Practice

Eric E. Ehrenberg, D.O.
Family Practice

Jason A. Rodriguez, M.D.
Family Practice

I am a physician who supervises Gina Marie Slattery, PA-C, and practices in Beaver Falls, 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.

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John P. Michel, MD, F.A.A.F.P.

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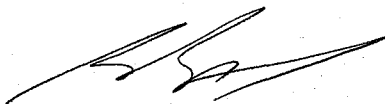
I am a physician who supervises Brian Fulton, MPAS, PA-C, and practices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and I to care for patients more effectively.

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Scott L. Baron, M.D.

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Sincerely,


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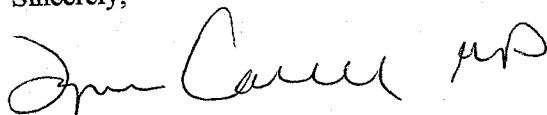
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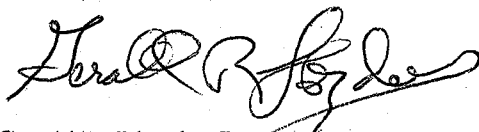
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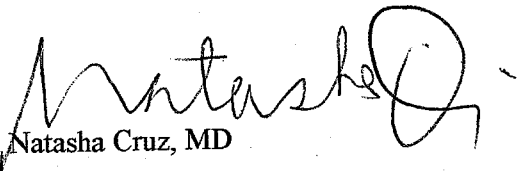
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am the substitute supervising physician for Roberta Gillespie, PA-C, a physician assistant practicing in Pittsburgh, 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 greatly enhance my ability to provide comprehensive and safe care to my liver oncology patients. I urge the Board to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am an Obstetrician/Gynecologist supervising Julia Burke, PA-C in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I am writing to ask for your support in acceptance of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. It is my belief that these proposed changes will allow me and my PA to be more effective in our care of patients.

These changes are numerous, but boil down to needed changes and the modernization of PA regulation in this state. My role as a physician supervising a PA will be streamlined but not diminished. I will be able to best use the PA in my office in providing continuity of care. Changes in the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information will allow me to respond to the realities of clinical practice. Better patient access to appropriate treatments will be accomplished with the changes in prescriptive regulations for PAs.

The Board is to be commended for their work and approval of these regulations. As you know, these regulations were reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. Passage of these regulations will enable the citizens of Pennsylvania to participate in a progressive healthcare environment with continued physician directed care.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Hoyne

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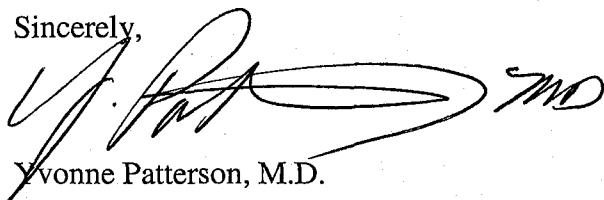
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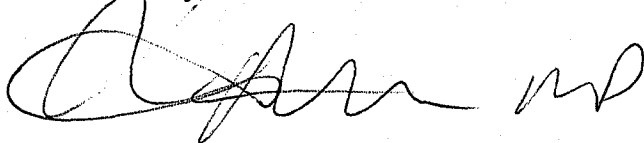
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician practicing medicine in family practice in Brockway, PA. I have employed a physician's assistant for thirteen years. I am writing to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18.

I believe the proposed changes will allow me and my physician's assistant to provide more efficient and better quality care.

I feel these changes will not diminish my supervisory control of my PA, but instead should streamline these controls.

As you know, these proposed guidelines have been approved by the medical board are consistent with proposals adopted in other states.

I respectfully encourage the Board to adopt these changes.

Sincerely,


James E. Devlin, M.D.

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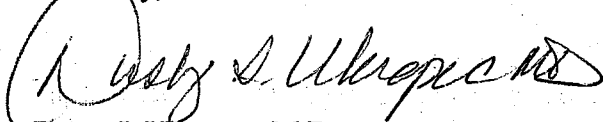
I am a physician, practicing in Chalfont, Pa., who supervises a physician assistant. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of that profession and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and supervises Lane Bower, PA-C in the 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 update the regulation of physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and myself to care for patients more effectively.

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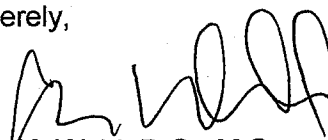
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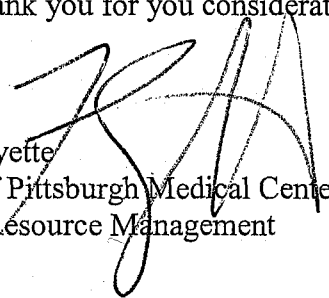
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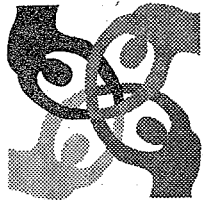
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Dear Mr. Hummer:

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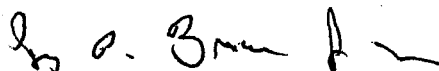
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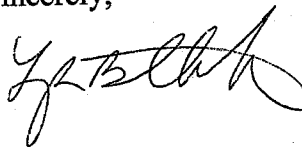
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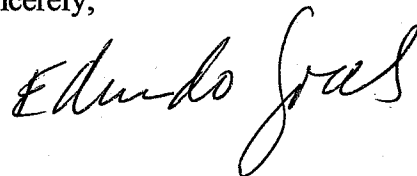
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am the Chief of Neurosurgery at Conemaugh Neurosurgical Associates in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Currently, our practice consists of 3 (three) neurosurgeons and 2 (two) physician assistants – Jill M. Ling, MPAS, PA-C and Halee Vokin, MPAS, PA-C. 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 physician assistants' profession and allow me and my physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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As a licensed and practicing neurosurgeon in Pennsylvania with 2 (two) physician assistants, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alfred P. Bowles, Jr., M.D.

Chief of Neurosurgery

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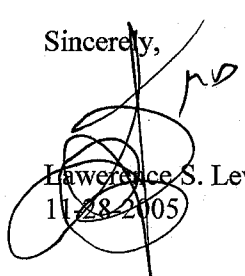
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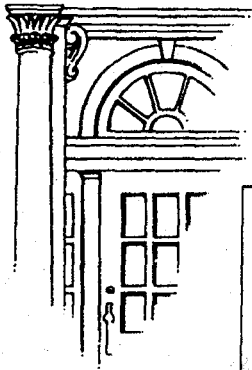
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Melanie E. Costa, M.D.

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DAVID W. PATTERSON, MPA, PA-C
CHRISTA J. MCHUGH, PA-C

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Regis W. McHugh, M.D.

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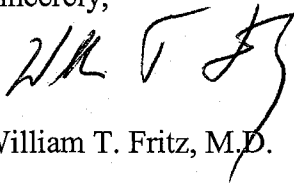
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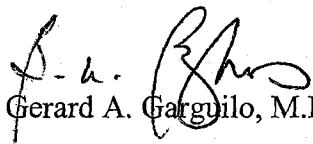
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Archie Hartzell, Jr., PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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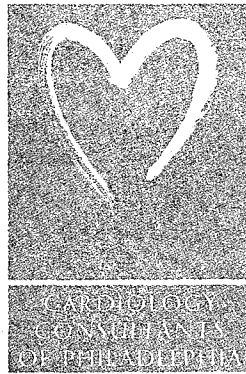
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Sincerely,

Neal A. Stansbury, M.D.

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I am a physician who employs two physician assistants working in your district and providing care to your constituents. There are now proposed changes to the regulations that govern the way we, as a physician/physician assistant team practice in Pennsylvania. The present language in the regulations impedes access to medical care for your constituents and limits the effectiveness of our ability to work as a team.

The current changes we are currently supporting include: change the requirement for weekly review of medical records and counter-signature from 3 days to 10 days; allow physician assistants to prescribe and dispense Schedule II drugs for initial therapy for a 72-hour dose, with notification of the supervising physician within 24 hours, and write a prescription for Schedule II drugs for up to a thirty-day supply if originally ordered by and approved of by the supervising physicians; and remove the barrier currently forbidding them to prescribe sympathomimetic agents such as Sudafed and Albuterol.

I am asking you to review these proposed changes made in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the regulations, please feel free to contact me or the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the address below:

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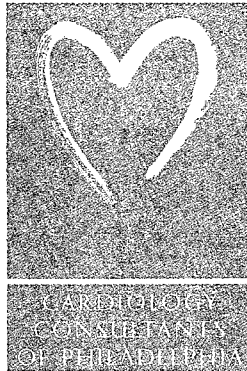
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Sincerely,

Peter G. Lavine, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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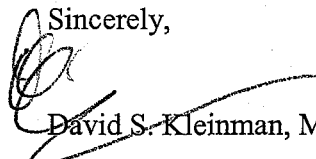
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McKeesport, PA 15132
412-664-2000

November 22, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a supervising Physician of Physician Assistants at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, 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 this profession and allow the PA and myself 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, the boil down to a moderate update of the PA regulations in Pennsylvania. They will certainly 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 regulation for Pas is essential and 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 the regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

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University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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Sincerely,



Michael E. Chismer, MD

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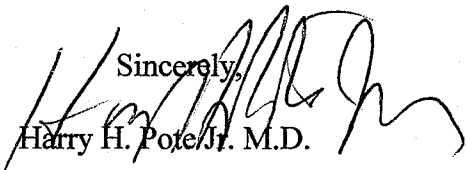
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Sincerely,


Harry H. Pote Jr. M.D.



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Don O'Brien, PA-C, and practices in SCI-Dallas 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.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Shana Nelsen, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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Re: Jules Meister

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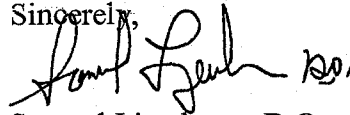
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Samuel Lizerbram, D.O.



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During this time of open public comment, please carefully consider the proposed update of these regulations.

Sincerely,

Myron Miller, M.D.

MM/esc



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Sincerely,

Patricia Munda, M.D.

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November 19, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and supervises Christine Kurpiel, PA-C in the 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 update the regulation of physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and myself to care for patients more effectively.

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George DesJardins, M.D.



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RE: Proposed Changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18

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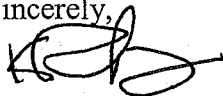
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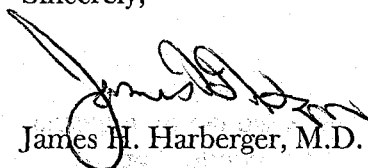
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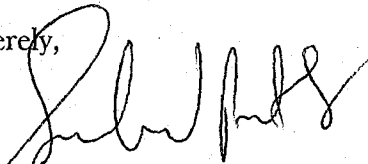
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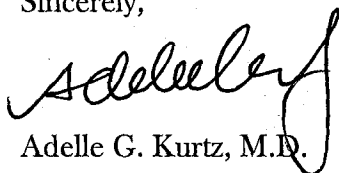
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November 19, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and supervises Lane Bower, PA-C in the 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 update the regulation of physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and myself to care for patients more effectively.

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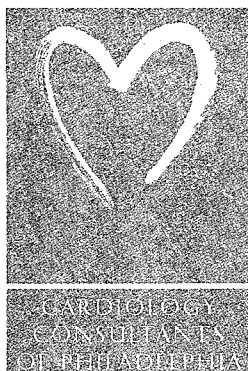
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November 16, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who employs two physician assistants working in your district and providing care to your constituents. There are now proposed changes to the regulations that govern the way we, as a physician/physician assistant team practice in Pennsylvania. The present language in the regulations impedes access to medical care for your constituents and limits the effectiveness of our ability to work as a team.


The current changes we are currently supporting include: change the requirement for weekly review of medical records and counter-signature from 3 days to 10 days; allow physician assistants to prescribe and dispense Schedule II drugs for initial therapy for a 72-hour dose, with notification of the supervising physician within 24 hours, and write a prescription for Schedule II drugs for up to a thirty-day supply if originally ordered by and approved of by the supervising physicians; and remove the barrier currently forbidding them to prescribe sympathomimetic agents such as Sudafed and Albuterol.

I am asking you to review these proposed changes made in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the regulations, please feel free to contact me or the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the address below:

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PO Box 128
Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-836-6411

Thank you for your time and support in this matter. I really believe this will improve patient care in our area and the state.

Sincerely,


Roselle J. Mesmer, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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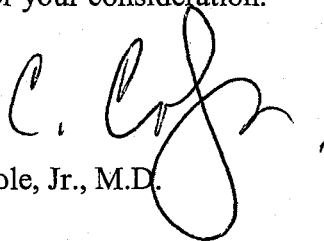
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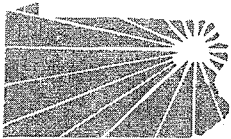
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As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed 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 PA's. 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 PA's 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 PA's. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Xiao Fang, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Kerri Jack, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and I to care for patients more effectively.

I feel these proposed changes to the PA regulations will help to modernize the physician/ physician assistant team. Because of the increase in patients we care for each day, the change in the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information will allow for us to provide more time providing efficient care. Alterations in the prescription regulations will allow my physician assistant to provide patients with better access to appropriate treatment options. Both of these changes will continue to allow for close supervision without compromising patient care.

As you are aware, these regulations have already been reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. I feel these regulations represent an update to the current practice of medicine and still maintain the doctor's role in physician-directed health care. They will also allow for a more thoughtfully regulated physician assistant profession in today's changing medical field.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Grob, M.D.

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I am a physician who supervises Stephanie Chlebus, PA-C, and practices 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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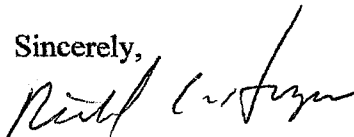
I am a physician who supervises Susan Logut, PA-C, and practices in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me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

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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 who supervises Erin Bodenschatz, PA-C, and practices in Wyomissing, 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.

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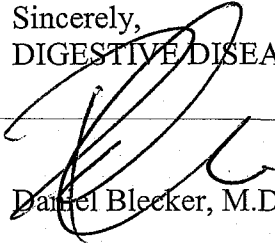
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

Anirudh Masand-Rai, M.D.

I am a physician who supervises James R. Kline, PA-C, and practices in Wyomissing, 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.

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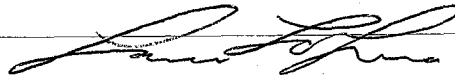
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Stewart G. Ackerman PA-C, and practices in Franklin, 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.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Maryanne Speiser, PA-C and Megan Kostyak, PA-C. My practice is located 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 assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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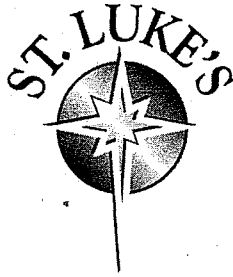
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Gary S. Cohen, M.D.
Chief, Vascular Interventional Radiology

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices with and supervises Physician Assistants at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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.

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Sincerely,

William S. Hoff, M.D.
Trauma Program Medical Director
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Sincerely,

Brian A. Hoey, M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Trauma
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University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



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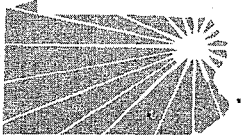
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Sincerely,

Michael D. Grossman, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery
University of Pennsylvania
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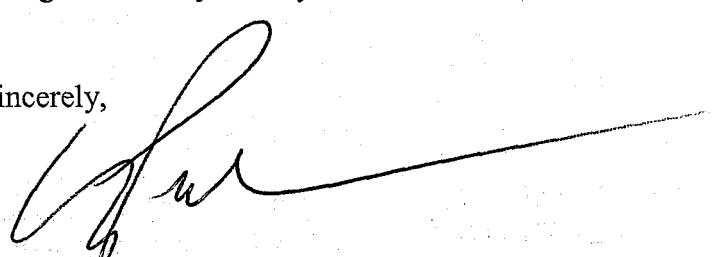
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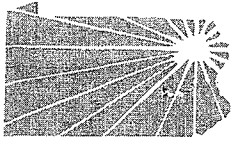
As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PA's. 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 PA's 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 PA's. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,


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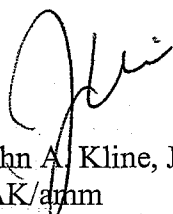
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The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's. The provisions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

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

Sincerely,


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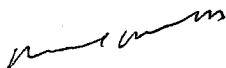
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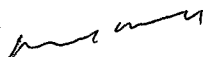
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November 21, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Catrina Wolfe, PA-C, and Micaliene Regis, PA-C, and I practices in West Chester, 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.

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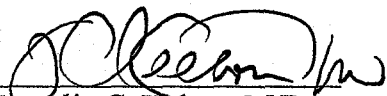
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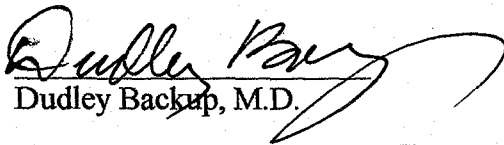
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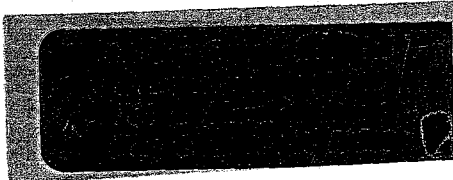
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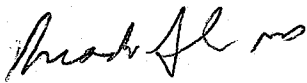
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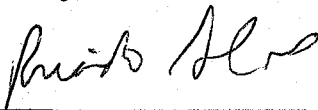
I am a physician who supervises Michael Ponsell, PA-C, who practices with me in the Emergency Department at the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Ricardo Gelman, M.D.

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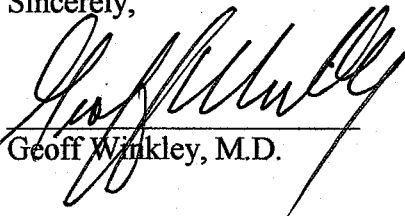
I am a physician who supervises Amy Valle, PA-C, who practices with me in the Emergency Department at the Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Geoff Winkley, M.D.

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

We are the supervising Physicians of Joaquin J. Garcia in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We are writing in support of 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 us and our Physician Assistant 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 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 licensed and practicing physicians in Pennsylvania, We urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Donna Brosbe, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices with and supervises Physician Assistants at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Nathaniel McQuay, Jr., MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery
Division of Trauma and Critical Care
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Attending Surgeon
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As licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Cipolla, M.D.
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November 22, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

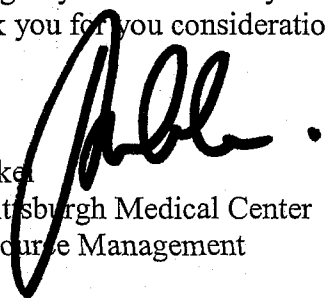
I am a supervising Physician of Physician Assistants at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of this profession and allow the PA and myself 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 regulations in Pennsylvania. They will certainly 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 regulation for PAs is essential and 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 the regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,


Dr T. Andemeske
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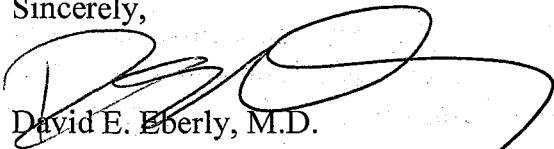
I am a physician who supervises Mary Ellen Dorko, M.S., PA-C, and practices in Media, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,


David E. Eberly, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician practicing with Terri Joyce PA-C in Coudersport, 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 the Physician Assistant profession and allow myself and my PA to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Virginia Barlow M.D.

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

My name is Dr. Sherita Latimore-Collier and I am the physician supervisor of Tina Young PA-C in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in favor and 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 accentuate present patient care.

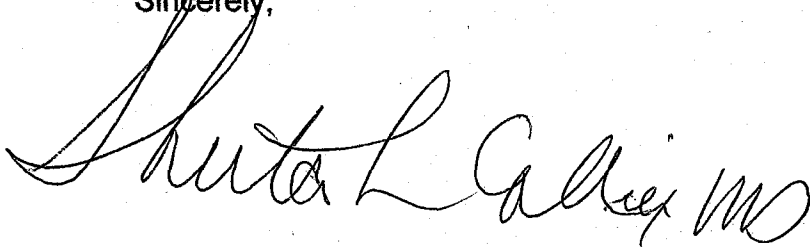
While the proposed changes are numerous, they represent a progressive view of a modern health care system. The proposed changes of lengthening time for chart review and relaying treatment information are realistic responses regarding clinical practice. However, the proposed changes will not diminish supervision rather they will allow physicians to make the best use of their physician assistants. Also the altering of prescription regulations 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 Physician Assistant profession, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed health care.

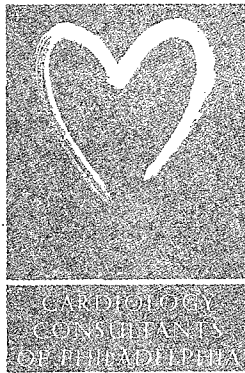
Therefore, as a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the State Board of Medicine to adopt the proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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November 16, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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I am asking you to review these proposed changes made in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the regulations, please feel free to contact me or the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the address below:

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Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-836-6411

Thank you for your time and support in this matter. I really believe this will improve patient care in our area and the state.

Sincerely,


Joel A. Krackow, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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November 30, 2005

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

RE: Proposed Changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Nicholas E. Fusco, PA-C. 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 physician assistants and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patients more effectively.

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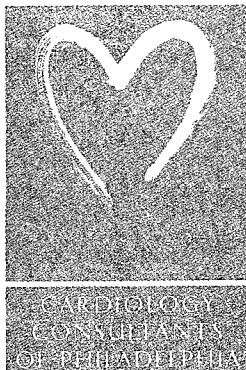
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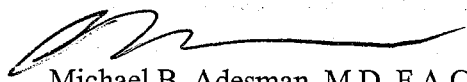
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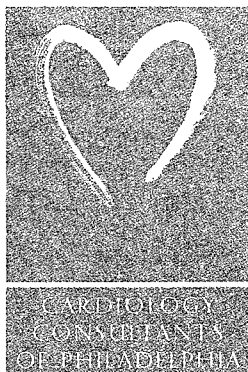


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JOSEPH F. LITCHMAN, M.D.

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December 5, 2005

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

I am a practicing physician in Plains, Pennsylvania who supervises Jennifer Fank, PA-C. 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.

The proposed changes allow for a much needed modernization of physician assistant 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 physician assistant. 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 physician assistant 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. These changes will allow for more effective regulation of physician assistants, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed health care.

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

Sincerely,

Joe Litchman MD

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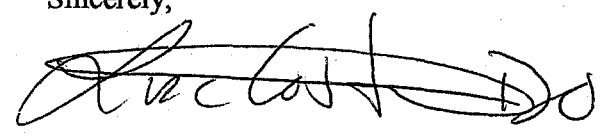
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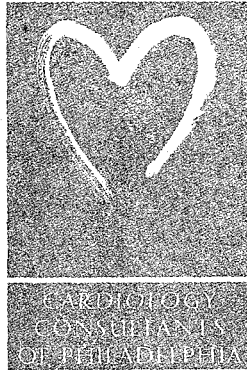
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November 16, 2005

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 who employs two physician assistants working in your district and providing care to your constituents. There are now proposed changes to the regulations that govern the way we, as a physician/physician assistant team practice in Pennsylvania. The present language in the regulations impedes access to medical care for your constituents and limits the effectiveness of our ability to work as a team.

The current changes we are currently supporting include: change the requirement for weekly review of medical records and counter-signature from 3 days to 10 days; allow physician assistants to prescribe and dispense Schedule II drugs for initial therapy for a 72-hour dose, with notification of the supervising physician within 24 hours, and write a prescription for Schedule II drugs for up to a thirty-day supply if originally ordered by and approved of by the supervising physicians; and remove the barrier currently forbidding them to prescribe sympathomimetic agents such as Sudafed and Albuterol.

I am asking you to review these proposed changes made in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Medical Society. If you or your staff have any questions regarding the regulations, please feel free to contact me or the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the address below:

PSPA
PO Box 128
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Phone: 724-836-6411

Thank you for your time and support in this matter. I really believe this will improve patient care in our area and the state.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Mendel, M.D., F.A.C.C.

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November 19, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who practices at Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and supervises Christine Kurpiel, PA-C in the 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 update the regulation of physician assistants and allow my physician assistant and myself to care for patients more effectively.

While the proposed regulation changes are numerous, they amount to needed modernization of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. They streamline without diminishing the physician's role in providing care, and allow physicians to make the best utilization of their PA's. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulation for PA's will give better patient access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,

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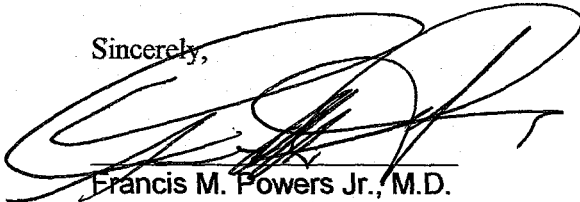
I am a physician who supervises Helen O. Hiserman PA-C, and practices in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and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

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As a licensed physician 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 who supervises Lawrence F. King, PA-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.

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

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As supervising physicians, we urge the Board to adopt these proposed changed. Thank you for your consideration.

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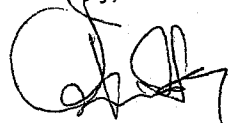
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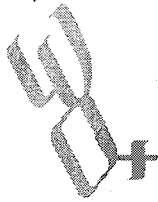
As a licensed and practicing neurosurgeon in Pennsylvania with 2 (two) physician assistants, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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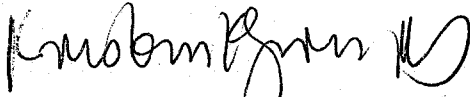
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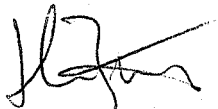
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