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Dear Dr. Hummer:

We are physicians who act as supervisors and assistant supervisors for Juliann Pandelidis, P.A.-C. and Maria Hudish, P.A.-C, both of whom practice in York, 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 assistants to care for patients more effectively.

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As licensed physicians in Pennsylvania, we strongly 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 Claire Austin, 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,


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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who is an alternate supervisor for Denise Drummond, MMS, PA-C and Leslie Archer, MAS, PA-C. We work in a federally-funded Community Health Center in Coalport, Pennsylvania, providing care to almost 5000 uninsured and underinsured patients, in rural Cambria and Clearfield Counties.

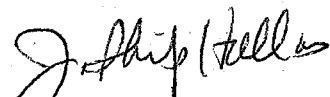
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I am a physician who supervises John Dougherty, PA-C, at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed 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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

My name is Pavlos Papasavas and I have currently been supervising Elizabeth Ripepi, PA-C, at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital 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,

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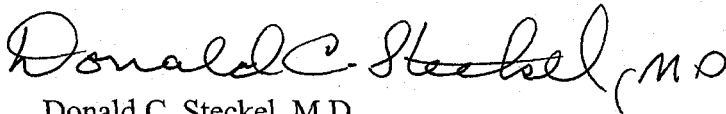
I am a physician who supervises Carol A. Steckel, PA-C, and practices in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow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

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
Dear Dr. Hummer:

Our gastroenterology group has been fairly early adopters in the use of physician extenders. We now have three physician assistants and one nurse practitioner working in our practice essentially side-by-side the five physicians who work here. They have been a tremendous asset and have allowed us to serve a much larger community with better medical care and more timely interventions than we were ever able to do prior to having extenders.

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 which relates to physician assistants. These changes will update the regulations for physician assistants and will greatly improve the ability of physicians like us to care for patients more effectively. These changes streamline and modernize the regulation system. They still assure a physicians role in providing care but at the same time reduce the amount of paperwork and red tape that continues to try and interfere with our practice.

As you know, the regulations have previously been reviewed and approved by physician groups in Pennsylvania. I anticipate that they will be effective in maintaining physician assistant medical quality while at the same time avoiding losing physician oversight to patient care. I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes and I very much thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


James W. Srour, M.D.

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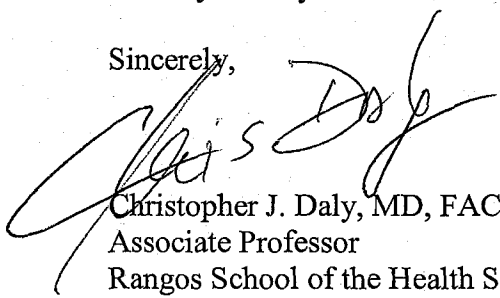
I am a physician who has been involved in PA education since 1975 and currently am an Associate Professor at the Rangos School of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh where I teach in our accredited Physician Assistant Masters Degree Program. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania 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,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Andrea Feldman, PA-C, and practices in King of Prussia, 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 to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



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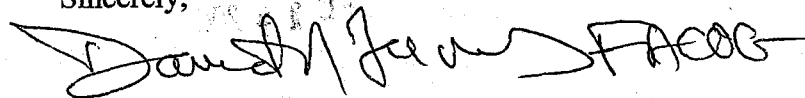
I am an Obstetrician/Gynecologist supervising Julia Burke, PA-C in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I am writing to ask for your support in acceptance of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. It is my belief that these proposed changes will allow me and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


Donald J. Jones, F.A.C.O.G.

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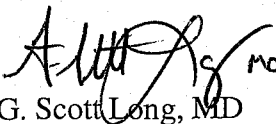
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Renaldo Carolipio, MD
Physician, Emergency Dept
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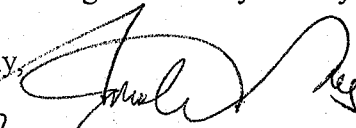
I am a substitute supervising physician of two physician assistants practicing in the Emergency Department of Jameson Memorial hospital, New Castle Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of PA's under my direction and allow them 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 the control they deserve 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. **For example, Sudafed and Albuterol are two of the main medications utilized in our emergency Department fast track area. Co signature for these medications can delay the practitioners' attentions to the next patient.** This particular issue affects us on a daily basis, and directly affects the timely fashion in which care is received in our department.

The bottom line is allowing the physician to make more choices... the new regulations can then be modified to a more restrictive level internally, in the MD/PA agreement, if that physician desires. Currently, choices regarding the current items are not available.

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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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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I am a physician who supervises physician assistants in Emergency Medicine at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, 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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Dr. Frances Feudale
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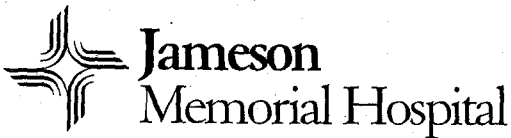
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a supervising physician of midlevel practitioners practicing in the Emergency Department of Jameson Memorial hospital, New Castle Pennsylvania. As medical Director of our Department, I wish to state my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of PA's under my direction and allow them 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 the control they deserve 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. **For example, Sudafed and Albuterol are two of the main medications utilized in our emergency Department fast track area. Co signature for these medications can delay the practitioners' attentions to the next patient.** This particular issue affects us on a daily basis, and directly affects the timely fashion in which care is received in our department.

The bottom line is allowing the physician to make more choices... the new regulations can then be modified to a more restrictive level internally, in the MD/PA agreement, if that physician desires. Currently, choices regarding the current items are not available.

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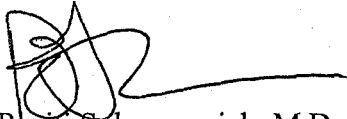
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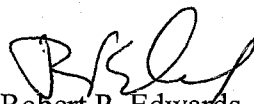
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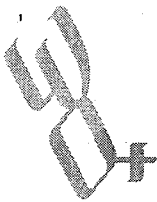
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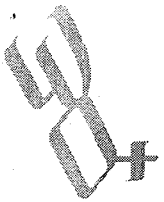
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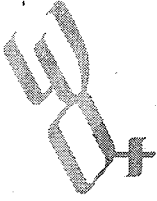
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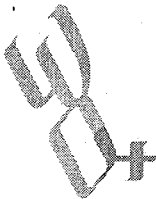
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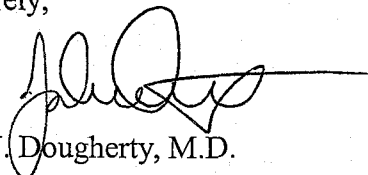
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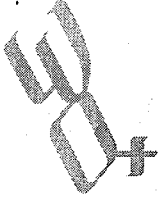
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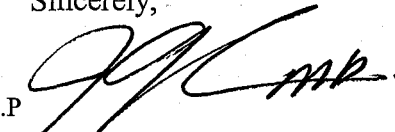
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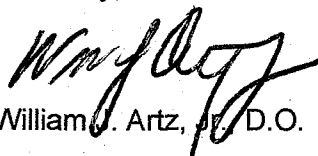
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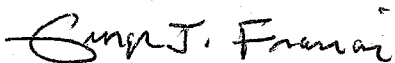
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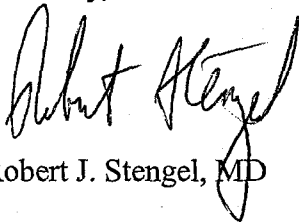
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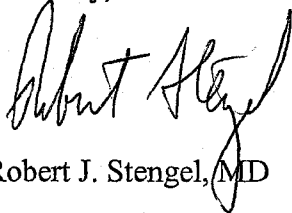
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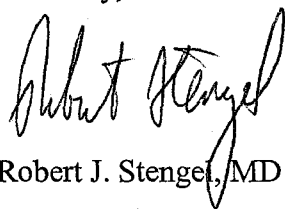
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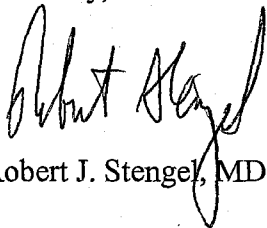
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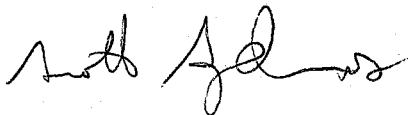
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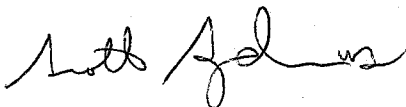
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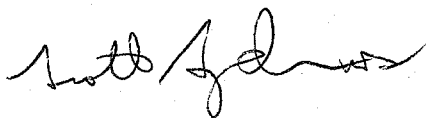
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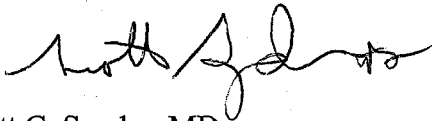
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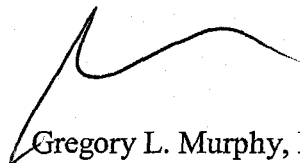
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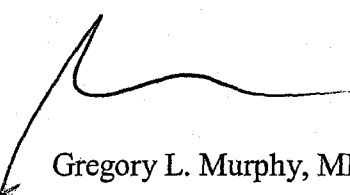
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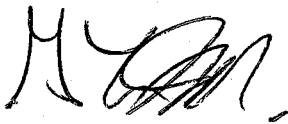
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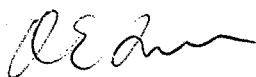
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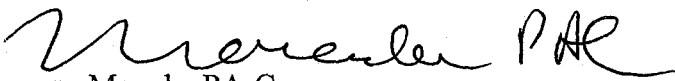
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Leanne Marada, PA-C



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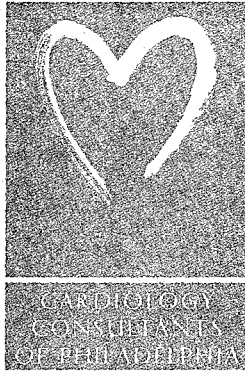
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November 22, 2005

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P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Wendy Haldeman, PA-C, and practices in Punxsutawney, 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.

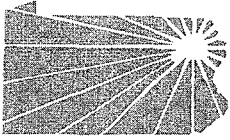
I understand that there are numerous changes, but these changes will allow the physician-PA team to be more effective in providing patient care in the Commonwealth. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice.

These proposed regulations have been approved by physician groups in the Commonwealth. They represent an important update and progressive view of the health care team.

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

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I am a physician practicing with a physician assistant in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to the physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and physician assistant 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 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.

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Jennifer McMahon-Smith, 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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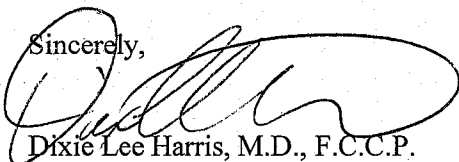
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am the supervising physician for Tiffany Gates-Maby, PAC, practicing with her in the Robert Packer Hospital Emergency Department, Sayre, Pennsylvania.

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania code title 49, chapter 18, relating to the physicians assistance. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physicians assistance and allow me and my physician assistant to care for patient's more effectively. I commend the Board's previous work in approval of these regulations. As a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these purposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

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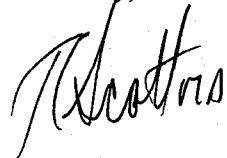
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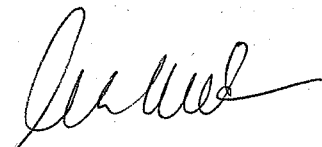
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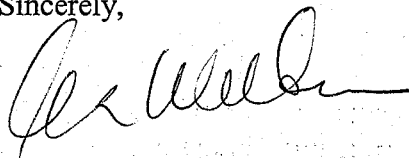
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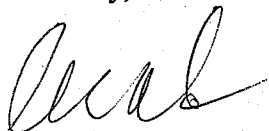
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Cheryl L. Green, PA-C and practices in Lancaster, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to PA 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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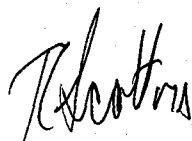
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD, Chairman
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RE: Physician Assistant Practice in PA

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am the physician who supervises Amanda Murphy, PA-C, and practice in Philadelphia, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes of the Pennsylvania Code entitled 49 Chapter 18 related to physician's assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician's assistants and allow me and my PA to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed changes are numerous, however, they boil down to a needed modernization of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. It will streamline supervision without diminishing our role as physicians in provided care and allowing doctors to make the best use of their physician's assistants. In changing length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of a busy clinical practice. Alternating the prescription regulations for PAs would give patients better access to appropriate treatment.

I commend the Board's previous work and approve of these regulations. As you are aware, the regulations were reviewed and approved by the physicians group in our state. They represent an important update and progressive view of the healthcare team. I anticipate they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed healthcare.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Kozin, MD
Hand and Upper Extremity Surgeon, Shriners
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Associate Orthopaedic Professor, Temple
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

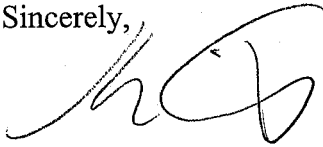
I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising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

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 all narrow 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 effectively and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student 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 assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Kyung 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.

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: 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.

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 PAs. 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,



Amy Burghardt PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at St. 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 changes that have been anticipated will modernize 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 been previously approved by the medical board. The next step in this process is now being faced; this includes review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. I am sure you are aware of the many changes being proposed, but they all point to one goal and that is to moderately update the PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will restructure but not reduce 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. Patients will have access to more appropriate treatments by altering the prescription regulations.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a Physician Assistant Student at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA, and a resident of Pennsylvania as well. 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 profession and allow all PAs and their supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively, as well as more efficiently.

As you are well aware of the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next steps in the process review: Review by the Legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they will boil down to moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. The supervision of the physician will not be diminished, but more timely and perhaps more effective. The use of PAs by the attending physicians will become more attuned to the work we have been trained to do. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice, which ultimately leads to better care for the patients, who are really the focus of our profession. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments, and in a much more timely manner.

The modern health care system view represented here is progressive, appropriately blending public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs within the parameters in which we have been trained. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states, all of which are providing more effective care for the patients they serve.

As a Physician Assistant student 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 assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania, and I am also a resident of the state. 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 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 they are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. Although the 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.

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

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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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.

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

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

Sincerely,

Heidi Shryock, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, 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 our profession and allow Physician Assistants and their supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively.

As you know, 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 extensive, they basically come down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline, but not diminish supervision and allow the physicians to more effectively utilize the duties of their PA's. In changing the length of time for chart review, clarifying technical points of prescribing by PA's, and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PA's will also 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 the abilities of the Physician Assistant. The provisions represented in the regulations are appropriately consistent with language adopted in other states.

As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania, I strongly urge the Board to consider and adopt these proposed changes. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renee A. Columbus PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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

The proposed regulations have already been approved by the medical board. Now, facing the next step in the process these revisions are ready for review by the legislature, public comment and final review by the medical board. Although the proposed changes are numerous they are merely a moderate update of the PA regulations in the state of Pennsylvania. They will allow physicians to utilize their PAs for the best use possible without diminishing their supervision. These changes make the realities of clinical practice more realistic, especially through changing the length of time for chart review. Revising the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients easier access to both better healthcare and appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent an updated view of modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to maximally and effectively utilize the services that PAs are able to provide. The provisions represented in the regulations are in sync with those that have been adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Natashia VanSlyke, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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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: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. Although the proposed changes are numerous, they deal with 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 from 3-10 days and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Changing the requirement that the physician see the patient every third visit to requiring the physician to be as involved as indicated is also more realistic and will allow more complete patient care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Erin Endress, PA-S

Erin Endress
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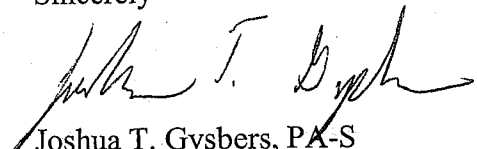
I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Lorreto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising 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. These changes include lengthening the time within which physician chart review is required from 3 days to 10 days, and 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. Eliminating the requirement for a 90 day waiting period after FDA approval for a PA to be able to prescribe a newly approved drug will allow physician assistants to provide better care for the patients.

The regulatory revision represents 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 Pas. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely

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Joshua T. Gysbers, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Patrick Brogle 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.

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,

Robin Dunstan, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

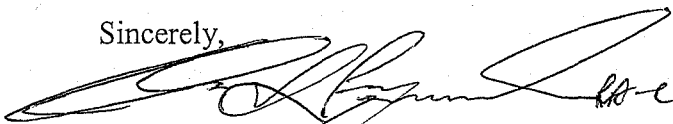
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Joseph K. Thornton, Duane E. Sipes and Martin Hudzinski in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will 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.

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 PAs. 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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who supervises Kristin Voelker, 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.

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 urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Luis Aparicio, MD

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr Joseph Hines 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 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,

Shana Nelsen PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Luis Aparicio 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 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,



Stephanie Chlebus, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Paul E. Collier 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 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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Mary Anne DiVito, P.A.-C

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I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Luis Aparicio 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 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.

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 PAs. 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,

Kristin Voelker PA-C

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

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.

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 healthcare team. I anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-related healthcare.

Patient Name:

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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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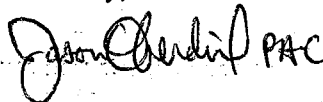
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of George Francis, M.D., and Melanie Costa, M.D. Our offices are located in Cranberry Township, PA, Penn Hills, PA, and Pittsburgh, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising 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.

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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states. Most importantly, these revisions will undoubtedly improve patient care in Pennsylvania.

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

Sincerely,



Jason D. Oberdick, PA-C

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

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of David Ambrose, MD 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

The medical board has already approved the proposed regulations. Next, the proposed changes will be reviewed by the legislature and become available for public comment. Finally, the medical board will review the final proposal. In general, the proposed changes reflect the team concept of medical practice. 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 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 assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Frederick Kotalik in Bryn Mawr, 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 are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they 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.

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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in the 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,



Johanna L. Moore, MPA, PA-C

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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 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 aware, the proposed regulations have formerly been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While there are a number of changes, they amount to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They plan on allowing physicians to make the best use of their PA's by reorganizing but not lessening supervision. 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 dictatorial amendment represents a progressive analysis of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and detection of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The requirements represented in the system are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



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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. These proposed changes will update the current regulations of the PA profession and allow me and my future supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you know, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board and will continue through the process, next being reviewed by the legislature, public comment, and finally, by the medical board. Although there are numerous changes in the proposed regulations, the changes recommend a moderate update of Physician Assistant regulations in Pennsylvania. In addition, the suggestions will enhance patient treatment, as well as make the PA and supervision physician relationship more practical without reducing supervision. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, these changes address the realities of today's clinical practice. Moreover, 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 a suitable blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language, allowing physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's in their practice. The provisions represented in the regulations are well aligned with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,



Katrina A. Lutz, PA-S

Katrina Lutz
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am currently a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing you this letter 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 myself and the supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously met approval by the medical board. They are now facing the next phase in the process: review by the Pennsylvania legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are many, they condense to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. These regulations 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 also 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 Pas. These provisions represented in the regulations are parallel with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student currently attending Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I believe that the proposed changes will allow me as well as my future supervising physician to provide more efficient and effective care to our patients upon my graduation next year.

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: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they can be narrowed down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to utilize their PAs more effectively. 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Crystal Jantzi PA-S

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I am a Physician Assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, 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 my profession and allow my supervising Physician and I to care for patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. It is now time to consider the next step in the process and that is review by the legislature, public comment, and then final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, it basically comes down to a moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. They will streamline, but not diminish, supervision and allow Physicians to make the best use of their PAs by changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, which will better suit 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. These revisions 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 the language adopted in other states.

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

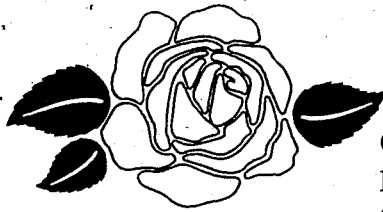
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Physician Assistant Student

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November 21, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Cathy P. Carpenter, M.D. in York, 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,

Juliann Pandelidis, PA-C

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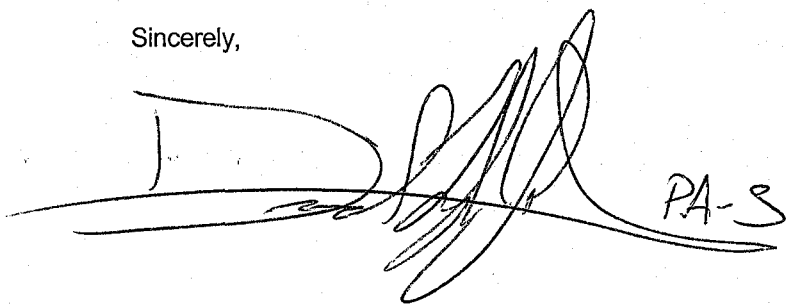
I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to the field of physician assistants. These changes will update the regulations of the profession that I am entering and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively and efficiently:

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, and they are now facing the next step of the process. By this process, proposed regulations will be reviewed by the legislature, public comment, and finally, will be reviewed by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. This will allow the Physicians to make the best use of their PAs, but it will not diminish the supervision of the Physicians. 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 PA student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

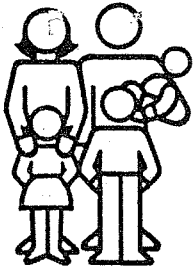
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November 21, 2005

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Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P. O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

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.

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: 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,

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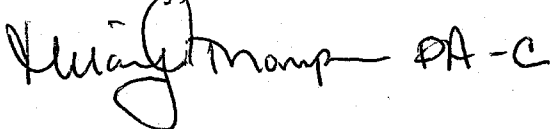
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Herbst in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow my supervising physician and I to care for our patients more 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: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the projected changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will restructure but not reduce 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 authenticity of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients improved access to suitable 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 time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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The regulatory revisions reflect changes made in 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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Joe Braun PA-5

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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. These proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and enable me and my future supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

These changes that are currently up for review by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine will allow physician assistants throughout the state to provide their patients with the quality of care that is expected and deserved. In particular, the change that will remove the requirement that the patient be seen by a physician every third visit will allow the physician assistant to provide a better continuity of care to that patient. Also, it precludes the physician assistant from being put into the awkward position of having to refuse to see an obviously ill patient strictly because the physician is not available.

In addition, the proposed change will allow physician assistants in the state to prescribe medications that have recently met with FDA approval. Currently 90 days must pass before the medication may be prescribed. There is no logical reason to keep this regulation the way it is now, since physician assistants are completely capable of researching these new medications and discussing prescribing indications and contraindications with their supervising physician.

As a physician assistant student, I urge the board to approve these changes as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carrie D. Beebout, PA-S

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The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the current health care system. 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Megan E. Rockey PA-S

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The proposed changes have already been approved by the medical board and is now up for review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes will not diminish supervision of PAs, however it will make it more effective in real life medical practice. 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 treatment.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. The proposed regulations are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions in the regulations are concurrent with language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student 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 assistant student at St. Francis University in 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 my profession and permit myself, and my supervising physician 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 which includes a review by the legislature, public comment, and then 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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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 regulations in Pennsylvania. They will allow for physician to use their PAs in the most effective way. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice without diminishing patient care. 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 mixture of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are comparable with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Cassie Harshberger PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. My goal in this letter is to show my enthusiastic support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The changes will better serve the health needs of our community as a whole. These proposed changes will allow me and my supervising physician to improve the care of patients successfully and effectively update the regulation of my profession.

As you know, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. These changes and updates will streamline physician supervision of physician assistants to make better use of their PAs. Changing the third visit requirement is a necessity in aiding physician's in treatment of their patients. Also, altering the prescription regulation gives patients better access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent a necessary component to current and future health care in the United States. They are necessary as a means of protection to the public and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to maximize, optimize, and safely manage their PAs. These provisions are in concordance with other state adopted regulations.

As a future physician assistant, I look forward to a bright future of healthcare in adopting these proposals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA and I am writing this letter in concern of the changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants directly. I am very much in favor of and extremely support the proposed changes that will revise the regulation of my future profession and allow myself, colleagues, and supervising Physicians to care for patients in a more effective manner.

From my understanding the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Medical Board and now the next step in the process needs to be faced, which entails review by the legislature, public comment, and a final review by the Medical Board. Hopefully with this letter, followed by those of many other Physician Assistants and students all over the state, the next step in this process will be made somewhat easier. The moderate update at hand of the Physician Assistant occupation will benefit everyone: Physicians, the Physician Assistants themselves, and most importantly the patients. The new policies in sight will better allowed Physicians to make the best use possible of their hired Physician Assistants and allow better treatment of patients. By changing the time length of a chart review, this does not diminish supervision, however allows time to be spent on more serious patient cases. Altering the prescription regulations for Physician Assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments at the necessary times instead of possibly having to wait. The current laws do not completely take into account the realities of clinical practice. Any modification of the present standards will help the medical field tremendously.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the current healthcare system for the future, allowing a better blend of public protection by healthcare workers. The provisions to the present regulations are well within limits and have been a waited change for Physician Assistants as well as Doctors.

As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes and thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

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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 legislative, public comment, and final review by the medical board. Although there are many proposed changes, they boil down to a slight update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. The changes will help to make patient care more effective yet it will not diminish supervision and will allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. Altering the prescription regulations for Pas will give patients better access to appropriate treatment.

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

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

Sincerely,

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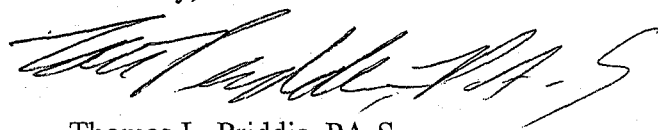
I am writing you today to express my full support for the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. It is with great solemnity that I write you today. The quality of health care in Pennsylvania should always take a top priority. Expanding quality healthcare coverage to every man, woman and child is my foremost intention. That is why I am supporting these changes. They will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervision physician to care for patients more effectively.

With the approval of these regulations by the medical board, we are one step closer to this goal. The next step in the process will include review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The regulation of Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania will be markedly updated by these proposed changes. Time is key to the PA MD interaction. Streamlining supervision allows physicians to make the best use of their PAs and their time. 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,



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These proposed regulations have been approved by the medical board and are now up for review by the legislature and public, and a final review by the medical board. By my understanding these new regulations will allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs; by changing the requirement that the physician must see a patient every third visit to only requiring the physician to become involved as indicated on an individual basis will allow the PA to continue to follow the patient's progress more fully and help strengthen the relationship between the patient and provider, rather than subjecting the patient to a new physician or PA with every visit. By eliminating the requirement for a 90 day waiting period after the FDA approves PAs to be able to prescribe a new drug, physician assistants will be able to help the patients that require the new medications faster.

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 better utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with statutes adopted in other states and Pennsylvania would not be at a loss to adopt the same provisions.

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

Sincerely,

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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,

Katie Nicklas, PA-S

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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 proposed changes will allow my future supervising physician and I to provide more effective treatment for our patients. Therefore I think these changes in the regulations for our profession are imperative.

As you and I are perfectly aware, these proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board and are currently undergoing the next steps of the process. This process includes review by the legislature, public comment and final review by the medical board. You may think that there are too many changes that we are requesting, but we are asking for reasonable updates of Physician Assistant regulations in Pennsylvania. These requests will not diminish the supervision of our supervising physician, but will allow for more efficient use of our capabilities. In changing the length of time for charts to be reviewed and relaying treatment information would allow for more realistic care of our patients and clinical practice. Another alteration would be with our prescribing abilities which would allow us to provide better care for our patients with appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They would combine 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 regulations that have been adopted by other states.

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

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Onderko PA-S

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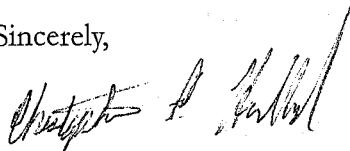
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As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed 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 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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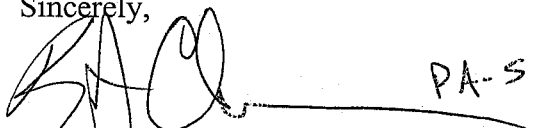
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing neurosurgery under the supervision of Dr. Alfred P. Bowles, Jr., Dr. Kevin M. Zitnay, and Dr. Ikram Ul Haque in Johnstown, 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are well aware, the medical board has previously approved the proposed regulations. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of physician assistant regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline, but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their physician assistants. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, responds to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for physician assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatment, especially for those of us involved in surgical subspecialties.

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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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant that practices under the supervision of Dr. Richard Pish in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. My reason for writing is to support 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 practice as well as my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

I understand the regulations have been previously approved by the medical board and are now facing the next step in the process: review the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The bottom line is that an update of physician assistant regulation in Pennsylvania is proposed. The changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow doctors to make best use of the physician assistants in providing care to patients. 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 better access to appropriate treatment as well.

These changes represent a progressive view of the modern health care system in which I work. They are an appropriate blend of patient protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize physician assistants. The provisions are consistent with language adopted in states other than Pennsylvania as well.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you very much for your strong consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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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 the physician assistant profession and will allow me to care for patients more effectively when I begin practicing.

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 effect they will have on PA regulation in Pennsylvania will be moderate. These changes 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 more efficient access to appropriate treatments.

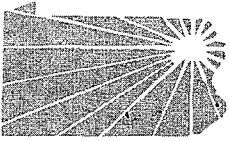
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As a physician assistant student hoping to practice in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Dear Dr. Hummer:

~~I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. William Prebola in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to the 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,

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

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. John A. Kline in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to the 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.

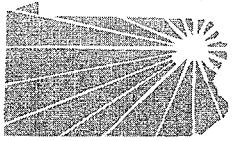
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The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's. The provisions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

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

Sincerely,

Bonita Mras, PA-C.



Northeastern Rehabilitation Associates, P.C.

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

November 28, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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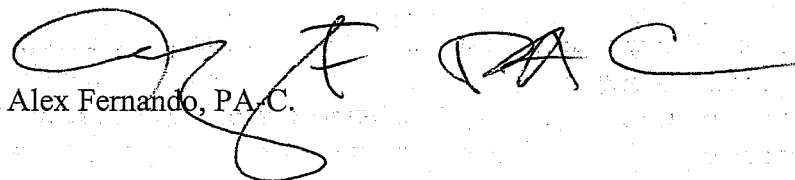
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. William Prebola in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to the physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession 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,


Alex Fernando, PA-C.

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Dear Doctor Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Thomas Dominick 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician 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 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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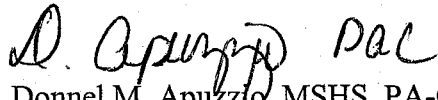
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Donnel M. Apuzzo, MSHS, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing inpatient medicine at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, under the supervision of Dr. Adel Makary. 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,

Ronald P. Grimm MMS, PA-C

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REVIEW COMMISSION

Charles D. Hummer, M.D. Chairman
PA. State Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

This letter is in regard to the proposed changes to Physician Assistant Regulations, PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18. I urge you to support the proposed changes.

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of William Fife, M.D. in Lancaster, PA. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

The revised regulations will streamline physician – physician assistant interaction as we respond to patient needs as to therapy and access. Altering the prescription regulations for Pas will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,

Jane Marlin PA-C

Jane Marlin, PA-C
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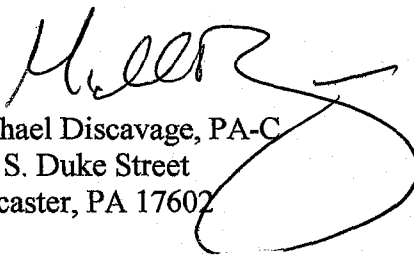
This letter is in regard to proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Barry Penschansky, M.D. in Lancaster, Pa. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

The revised regulations will streamline physician – physician assistant interaction as we respond to patient needs as to therapy and access. Altering the prescription regulations for Pas will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board of Medicine to adopt these proposed changes. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Discavage, PA-C
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November 27, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of **Frederic Meyers, M.D., Brandywine Gastroenterology, in Coatesville, 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 physician to care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

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 time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Misty Schmidt, PA-C, MHS, ATC

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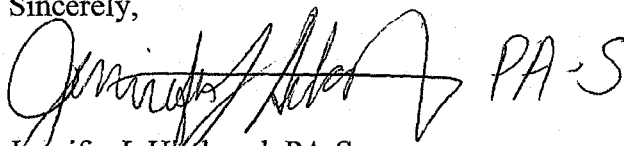
I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University Class of 2007. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my future profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively. The current regulations are outdated and we need a move to modernize the regulations to keep in step with the quickly evolving medical world.

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.

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

As a soon to be licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. These changes will make life much easier for practicing PA's and their supervising physicians as well as making patient care much more effective. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Hitchcock PA-S
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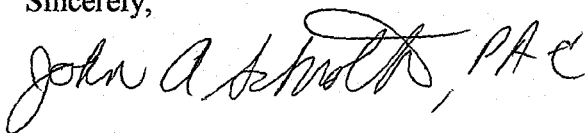
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. John Johnson in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. This letter is written in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, chapter 18, relating to my profession. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow us to care for the patients much more effectively.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislative, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes will streamline the ability of supervising 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.

These proposed changes in the said regulations represent a strong progressive view of the modern health care system. I feel that they are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas. The regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As a licensed practicing PA in this state, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John A Schroth, PA-C

John A. Schroth, PA-C
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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. 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,

Megan Kostyak, MHS, PA-C

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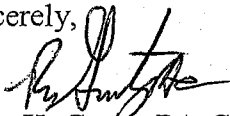
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ryan K. Gantz, PA-C

Ryan Gantz
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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1300 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16652
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

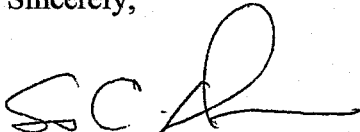
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ronald Long in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and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


Stewart C. Hoffman, PA-C



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

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of William P. Edwards Jr., M.D. 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 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,

Stewart G. Ackerman, PA-C

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Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown is a very large, well-known orthopaedic practice in the Lehigh Valley. We have a referral base which easily covers 7 surrounding counties. We have **21 physicians and 11 physician assistants in our practice**. This letter is to inform you that our practice supports the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of the physician assistants which our group depends on for increasing quality of care for our patients.

Trauma/Reconstructions
Patrick B. Respet, M.D.

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Hand Institute
Jay S. Talsania, M.D.
Patrick J. McDaid, M.D.
Richard D. Battista, M.D.

All signing physicians assistants below are urging you and the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

General Orthopaedics
Brendan J. O'Brien, D.O.

Melissa Lehmann, PAC

Randi Klumper, PAC

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Center
Charles C. Norelli, M.D.
Wayne E. Dubov, M.D.
Brent L. Millet, M.D.

Thomas Witter, PAC

Lynn Seagreaves, PAC

Rheumatology Institute
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Patti Connolly, PAC

Brian Kephart, PAC

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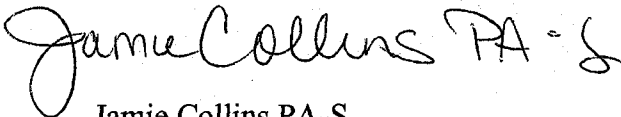
I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed updates to our profession will allow me to fulfill my obligations to my patients and to provide them with the best possible care.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. We must now review the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. These updates will allow physician assistants to provide optimal care for our patients without diminishing physician supervision. We need to change the length of time for chart review and relaying of medical information as many of us see as many patients as our physician supervisors.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern healthcare system. These updates are necessary in order provide our patients with the best care available while maintaining physician supervision. These updates are very much similar to those in other states.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes as they will make caring for our patients easier and more efficient without diminishing physician supervision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jamie Collins PA-S

Jamie Collins
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Duryea in Loretto, 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 are, 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.

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

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

Sincerely,

Laura Steele PA-S
Laura Steele, PA-S

Laura Steele
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student currently studying in the state of 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 future 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.

Sincerely,

Sara Tyson, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am physician assistant student in my final year of my master's degree and currently on my rotations. I have had all of my rotation sites in the state of Pennsylvania and understand the concerns of the proposed changes to the legislation concerning physician assistant practices in the state. 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 more effectively care for patients.

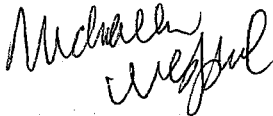
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

PA-S



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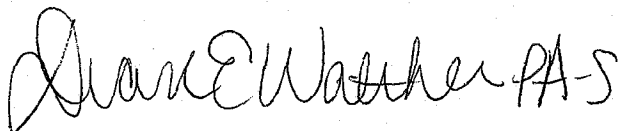
I am a physician assistant student attending St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession as I begin my career as a physician assistant. I believe it will also allow me and my future supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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

Sincerely,



Diane E. Walther PA-S

Diane Walther
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Gregory Pharo and Dajie Wang 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 licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Lawrence F. King, PA-C



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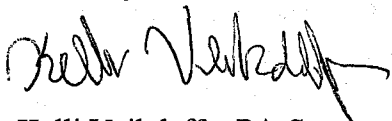
I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising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

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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,

 PA -S

Kelli Veihdeffer PA-S

Kelli Veihdeffer
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, however, they are now facing the next step in the process. This includes review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes are numerous, and they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline supervision, but it will not be diminished. This will 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 improved 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 permits physicians to optimally and safely utilize Pas. The provisions represent in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Joanna Malcotti PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am a physician assistant and Program Director for the Drexel University Hahnemann Physician Assistant Program. As a physician assistant educator I have experienced the positive impact PA's have on patient care. The proposed changes will update the regulation and allows PAs 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 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 physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provision represented in the regulations is well in line with language adopted in other states.

I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Auth, PhD, PA-C
Director, Physician Assistant Program



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Mary Daly at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I have been at Fox Chase as a medical physician assistant for the past 26 years. 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 us to care for her breast cancer patients more effectively.

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 PAs. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice in 2005 and it looks toward the future with reality oriented solutions to good healthcare for all. 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 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 "senior" licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan James PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University; and 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 will allow current physician assistants, supervising physician, and myself as a future physician assistant 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 going through the next steps of the process. The proposed changes will update the PA regulation in Pennsylvania to more moderate standards without diminishing the supervision of physicians and allowing them to make the best use of their PAs and their time. 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. Also by revising the regulation that the physician must see the patient every third visit to requiring the physician to only be involved as indicated by practice type and patient condition will increase patient care and rapport. Often many patients wish that the practioner handling their care is the same person on each visit since that person is the most familiar with their condition and history.

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

As a future physician assistant who plans on practicing in Pennsylvania in 2007, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. I feel it will be a great, positive impact on the profession and the care of patients as a whole; as well as build up relationships between PAs and patients. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

April Turnage PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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

Sincerely,

M Joyce PA-C

Michael L. Joyce PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student at Arcadia University in Glenside, 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.

Sincerely,


Teresa Cuthbertson

T. Cuthbertson
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Marian McDonald 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EM", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Edward Minger, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Joel Rosenfeld 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,

Alana Kavan-Frederick, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. John Lukaszczyk 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,

Debra Roeder-Wilson, PA-C



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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,

Christine Phillips, PA-C

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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 allow me use my knowledge and skills while continuing to work with a licensed physician when I am a certified PA.

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

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

Sincerely,

Casyn Mahoney
PA-S

Philadelphia Univ.
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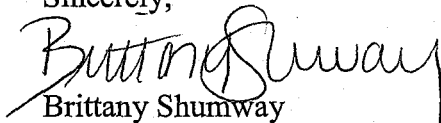
I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will greatly improve the physician assistant field, and increase the effectiveness of my ability, as well as that of my supervising physicians, to care for our patients.

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 are essentially a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,


Brittany Shumway

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant student attending 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 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.

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

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

Sincerely,


Lynn Rieman

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Gannon University
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PMB 1489
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Susan DeSantis, PA-C
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing in Pennsylvania in long term care. 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,

Susan DeSantis, PA-C

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BELVEDERE MEDICAL CENTER

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November 30, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer;

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Potter in Carlisle, 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.

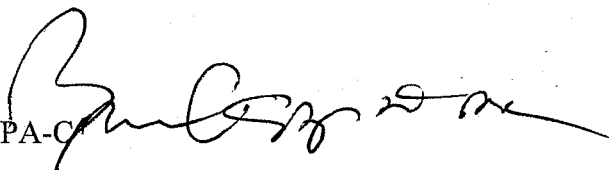
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The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize Physician Assistants.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

Bruce G. Kipp, PA-C



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Ms. Thy Kim Tran
Saint Vincent Health Center
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Russell Bienek, in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These changes will help me provide better care for my patients.

These proposed changes have been approved by the medical board and are now facing review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While these proposed changes seem a lot, 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.

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 PAs. 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 time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Thy Kim Tran, PA-C

Ms. Thy Tran
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student attending school 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. I believe the proposed changes will allow me to care for patients more effectively after I graduate.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations have 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 regulations appear to make many large changes, they are simply a needed update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They do not diminish supervision, but allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs and allow offices to run more smoothly.

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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are similar to the language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Emily Kuchta



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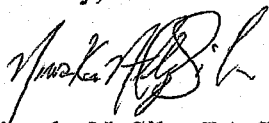
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As a future licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ninoska N. Silva PA-S

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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 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, which includes review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The proposed changes will bring an update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. By changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Also, by changing the prescription regulations for PAs, this will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

These revisions will represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They show an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language, which allows physicians to better utilize Pas. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Amy M. Brence, PA-S

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Amy Brence
108 Walnut Street
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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,

Elia Figueroa

Elia Figueroa
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Loretto, PA 15940

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17105

Dear Dr. Hummer:

As a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA, 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 profession and allow me and my supervising physician to better care for the patients.

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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I truly hope the Board adopts these proposed changes and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Sullivan, PA-S

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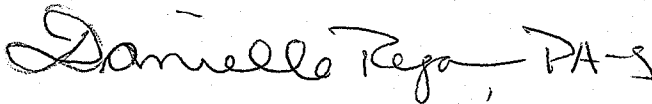
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Danielle Ryan, PA-S

Danielle Ryan
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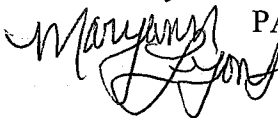
I am physician assistant student in my final year of my master's degree and currently on my rotations. I have had all of my rotation sites in the state of Pennsylvania and understand the concerns of the proposed changes to the legislation concerning physician assistant practices in the state. I am writing 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 more effectively care for patients.

As you know, the proposed changes have been previously approved by the medical board. They now are facing the legislature, public comment, 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Maryann Lyons
1000 Newry Lane
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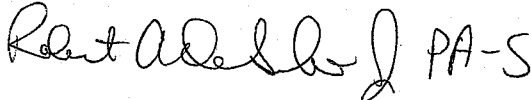
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

 PA-S

Robert A. DiSibio, Jr., PA-S

Robert DiSibio Jr
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Fairport, NY 14450

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


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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,

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Tan Tran
1070 Avenue D
Rochester, NY 14621

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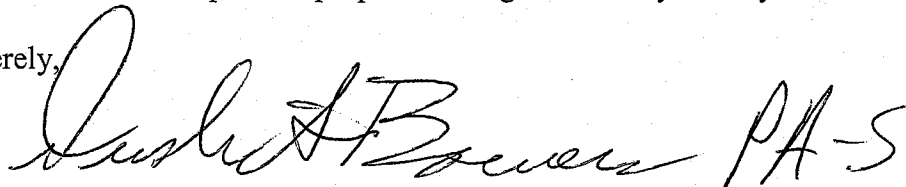
I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University, located in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me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

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 physician assistant student, hoping to soon practice in the state of Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dustin Bowers

Dustin Bowers
38 Bowers Road
Blairsville, PA 15717

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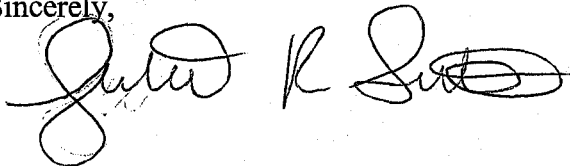
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As a physician assistant t student in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Julie R. Suto PA

Julie Suto
PO Box 600
Loretto, PA 15940

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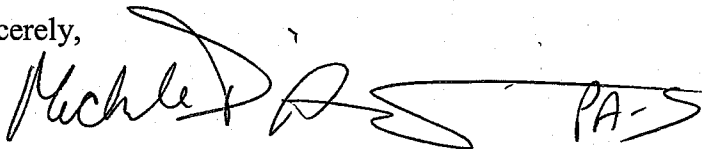
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele D'Amato" followed by a stylized flourish and the letters "PA-S".

Michele D'Amato
PO Box 600
Loretto, PA 15940

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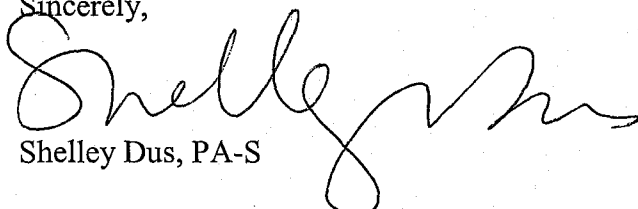
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelley Dus, PA-S

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

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Wanchalk PA-S

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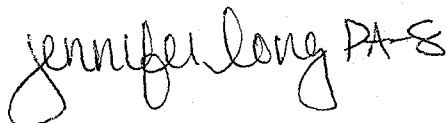
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As a student and future practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Long PA-S

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

Sincerely,



Mark Wilt PA-S

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

Sincerely,

Amy Blaszkowski PA-S

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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,



Stephen Schneider, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student planning to practice in 2006 under the supervision of a doctor 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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As a future licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Arnold PA-S
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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,

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Kristy Divelbliss, PA-S

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

Sincerely,



Garnette Hughes, PA-S

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student from Saint Francis University of Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am currently doing rotations in the last year of my Master's program. 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 upcoming 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.

Sincerely,

Carrie Watts PA-S

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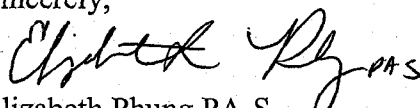
I am a physician assistant student from Saint Francis University Physician Assistant Program. This letter is addressed to you concerning the purposed changes of Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 regarding practices of the physician assistant profession. The purposed changes will allow me as a future physician assistant to effectively serve my patients under the supervision of a physician.

These regulations have recently been approved by the medical board and are currently in the next step of process of review, public comment, and final review and approval of the medical board. These regulations are to allow physicians to utilize their physician assistant more effectively. These regulations are not to diminish supervision of physician assistants. By shortening the length of time for chart reviews and review of treatment information, this would allow more time to be used in areas that would need more review or attention. The prescription regulations for PAs will allow patients to have more access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent the progression of medicine in the past few years. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs.

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

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Phung PA-S

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

I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I'm writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants' practicing and prescribing privileges. I support the changes that will update regulation of my profession because they will allow me and my supervising physicians to care for our patients more effectively and efficiently.

As you are well aware, the previous regulations have been approved by the medical board. They now are undergoing review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. The changes are numerous, but the bottom line is a much needed moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will decrease but not diminish supervision, allowing physicians to make best use of their PAs. The updates respond to the realities of practice by increasing the length of time for chart review and relaying of treatment information. Patients will have better access to appropriate care and needed treatments by altering the prescribing regulations for PAs.

The regulatory revisions represent change and a more modern view of the health care system. They blend public protection with recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions are well in line with the language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student 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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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a certified physician assistant practicing internal medicine under the supervision of Dr. Lisa Costaris in Plains, 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 more effectively care for patients.

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. The proposed changes will allow for an appropriate yet moderate update of physician assistant regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of 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 allow patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fank PA-C

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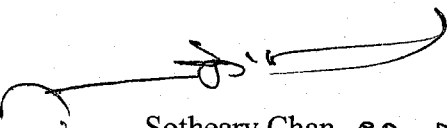
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As a student of physician assistant program and soon will be licensed and practiced as physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sotheary Chan, PA -S.

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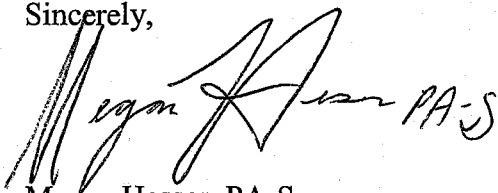
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Megan Hesser, PA-S

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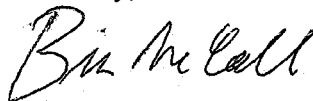
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As a PA student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian McCall PA-S

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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 assistant. The proposed changes will bring very important updates to the regulation of physician assistants and allow for more efficient patient care under both physician assistants and their supervising physicians.

The changes that have been approved through the medical board and are now under review by the legislature are aimed to improve supervising physician-physician assistant dynamics and will allow for continuity of care as well as efficiency. The changes proposed will help streamline physician supervision of physician assistant but not diminish. Allowing more time for chart review and allowing more time for relaying treatment information is only practical for today's busy clinical practice. The proposed changes to physician assistant prescribing privileges will allow for more treatment options for patients under physician assistant care.

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 Pas.

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

Sincerely,



Nicole Schmidt, PA-S

Nicole Schmidt
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Sincerely,

Beth Wheeler, PA-S

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Altoona, PA 16601

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November 29, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Doctor Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. John Furia 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Asche" with a stylized flourish at the end. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Asche, PA-C

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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. David Eberly in Media, Pennsylvania. I am currently the only mid-level provider in a busy internal medicine practice, with six physicians. 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 well as allowing for a greater degree of independence for the physician assistant role, and thereby giving the physicians more time for their own practices.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. These changes will greatly enhance the delivery of a broader scope of care by physician assistants. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mary Ellen Dorko, M.S., PA-C

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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 allow me use my knowledge and skills while continuing to work with a licensed physician when I am a certified PA.

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. In essence, they allow us to serve people more efficiently.

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

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

Sincerely,

Rachael Danning PA-5

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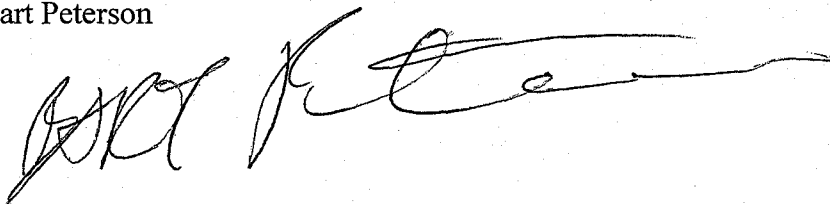
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bart Peterson



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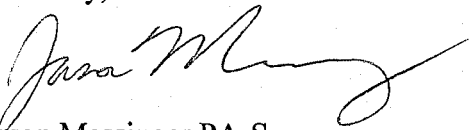
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These proposed revisions are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are comparable with legislation adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

 PA-S
Jason Messinger PA-S

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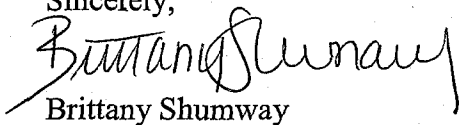
I am a physician assistant student at Philadelphia University. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will greatly improve the physician assistant field, and increase the effectiveness of my ability, as well as that of my supervising physicians, to care for our patients.

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

Sincerely,


Brittany Shumway

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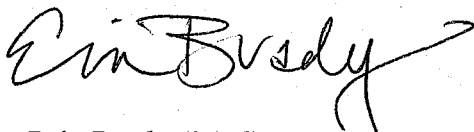
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As a physician assistant student who is looking forward to a productive career in medicine, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Erin Brady, PA-S

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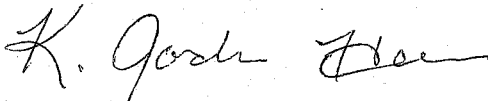
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert A. Morrow 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 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,

Michael D. Kramer, PA-C

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

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Charles L. Cole, Jr. 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

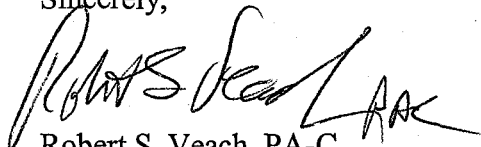
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Veach, PA-C

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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 assistant. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me to provide better care for my patients.

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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 use Pas.

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

Sincerely,
Lamia Laloui, PA-S



Lamia Laloui
5084 Lilac Lane
Apt 1110
Harrisburg, PA 17111



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Dear Doctor Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey F. Bair in East Stroudsburg, 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.

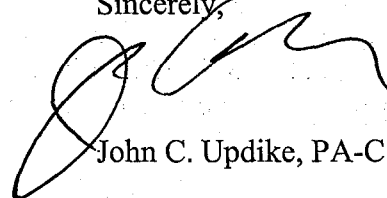
The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use 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.

These revisions 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 Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

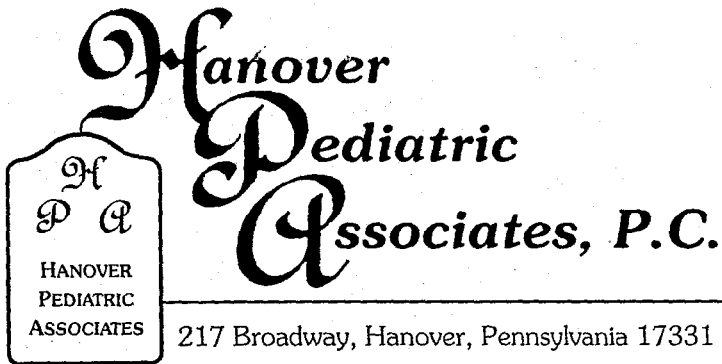
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Sincerely,



John C. Updike, PA-C

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

I am a physician assistant practicing in pediatrics under the supervision of Dr. Douglas Masucci in Hanover, 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 update the regulation of my profession and increase the level of patient care.

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 boards. While the proposed changes are numerous, they help to update 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. Many of these prescription changes are vital to the area of pediatrics, such as prescribing albuterol for the growing number of child asthmatics.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of 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 PAs. 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 to benefit patient care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Martin, PA-5

Lindsey Martin
Chatham College
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Dear Doctor Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practice under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Spatz in Northampton, 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,

Andrea Seibert, PA-C
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Dudley Backup 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 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,


Edward Bangor, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Franklin C. Kelton 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 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,


Phyllis James, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Diana Kane 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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Sincerely,



Claire Austin, PA-C

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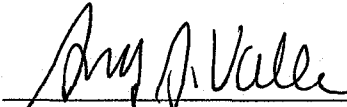
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Sincerely,


Amy Valle, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ricardo Gelman 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 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,



Michael Ponsell, PA-C

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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,


Teresa Majewski, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Brian Dodson in Altoona, 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,



David M. Finocchio, PA-C

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November 28, 2005

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

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Garry Mueller in Lancaster, 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 supervision 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,



Linda S. Wenger, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael Weed in Lancaster, 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 supervision 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,



Kimberly M. Brown, PA-C

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Alex Sapega, M.D. in Havertown, 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, I believe these changes will allow my patients better access to medical care in this state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Timothy S. Cavanaugh, PA-C



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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant first year 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. They now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While there are many proposed changes the main objective is to update PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will allow PAs to be more efficient 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I hope that the Board adopts these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Feldman



S. Feldman
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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,

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Bethany DeJoseph PA-S

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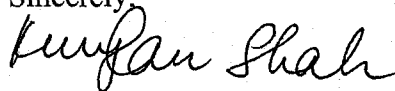
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As a student planning to practice as physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kunjan Shah

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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 Ray McMullen, PA-C, and Stewart Hoffman, PA-C, and practices in Huntingdon, 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.

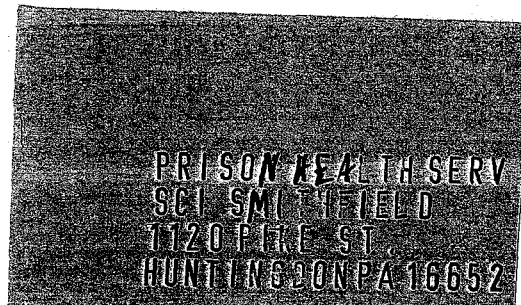
I commend the Board's previous work and approval of these regulations. As you are well aware, the regulations were reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. They represent an important update and progressive view of the health care team. I anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed health care.

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

Sincerely,



Ronald Long, MD



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71 Jennifer Drive
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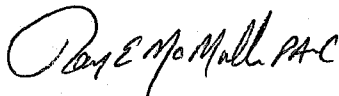
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ronald Long in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and 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,



Ray E. McMullen, Jr. PA-C



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December 2, 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. Michael A. Gross, MD in Hughesville, Pennsylvania. We have been in practice together for thirty years and have survived both before and after the establishment of the current regulations. 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.

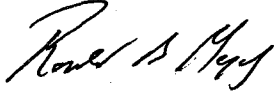
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As licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald B. Mezick".

Ronald B. Mezick, P.A.-C.

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Albert J. Bono MSPAS, PA-C

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December 2, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
 Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
 P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Kovar in Ambler, 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.

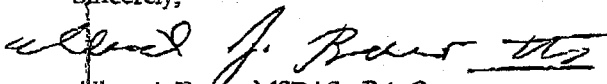
This is true perhaps in particular for me, as I work in an acute care psychiatric hospital, where best practice guidelines frequently require orders for medications that are "off label" by FDA standards. In addition, an essential group of medications – amphetamine based psychostimulants – are presently not approved for me to prescribe in Pennsylvania. Across the Delaware within ten miles of my home, this is not the case. Physician assistants and nurse practitioners routinely write for psychostimulants for children in both the ambulatory and acute care settings. The benefits to patients and families are appreciable. With proper supervision and training, physician assistants perform a valuable service to families in New Jersey, where, like Pennsylvania, the wait to see a child and adolescent behavioral medicine professional can be up to two months.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Please feel free to contact me at the address or e-mail above if I may be of any assistance in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Albert J. Bono, MSPAS, PA-C

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

Dear Dr. Hummer:


I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Robert P. Edwards and Joseph L. Kelley 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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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 PAs. 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,


Karen Lyle, PA-C

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December 2, 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 physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Michael A. Gross, MD in Hughesville, Pennsylvania. We have been in practice together for three and half years and have survived both before and after the establishment of the current regulations. 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.

I am also a practicing pharmacist, and the change in regulations would solve a lot of problems from the pharmacy standpoint. As a pharmacist we are confused that fluoride, Sudafed and Albuterol cannot be signed by a physician assistant.

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 boards. 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.

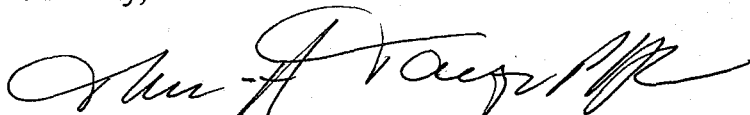
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As licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Theresa A. Tarquinio, P.A.-C., RPA

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

I am a physician assistant student, attending 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 profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively. These is something of concern to me now because I will soon be entering the medical field and as a student, feel that the proposed changes will greatly benefit my fellow Physician Assistants.

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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,

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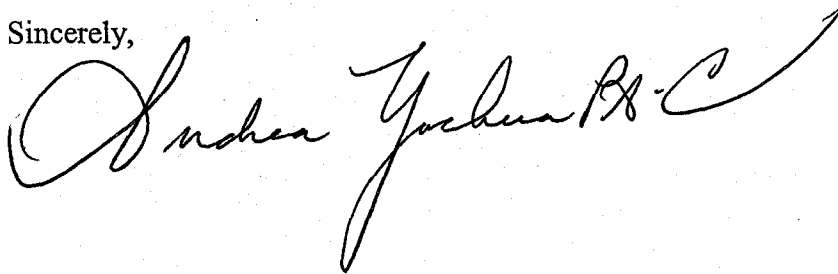
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Drs. Mahesh Chhabria, James Kerrigan, Raj Katara, Ashlesh Dani in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes 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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November 16, 2005

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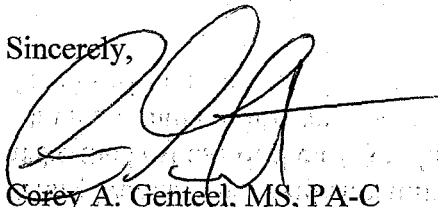
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Peter Favini in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession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



Corey A. Genteel, MS, PA-C

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SAMPLE LETTER FROM PA

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

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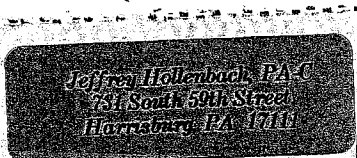
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student currently attending 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 modernize the regulation of my future profession and allow me and my future supervising physician to care for patients in a more competent and proficient manner.

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. The medical board is now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While there are many changes pending, the focal point is a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will restructure and simplify 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 contemporary health care system. They are an appropriate unification 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 physician assistant student and a future licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to really consider and then adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant student at Duquesne University 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.

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

Sincerely,

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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,

Kayla Breindel

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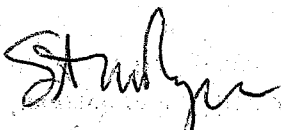
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Talamo in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow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



Stephen M. Ryan, PA-C

Barbara A. Davies, PA-C
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Kunkletown, PA 18058

November 15, 2005

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

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Ramlah Vahanvaty in E Stroudsburg and Brodheads ville, 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 my supervising physician and I to care for our 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 are only moderate changes in 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,

Barbara A. Davies PA-C

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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 physician assistant student attending school 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. Since the last update of regulations in 1993, the role of the physician assistant has been further integrated into the health care system. These proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

Having previously been approved by the medical board, the proposed regulations are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While they are numerous, the proposed changes ultimately call for a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. The revisions will modify supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs, while still maintaining the doctor's role in the physician-directed health care. By changing the length of time for chart review and relay of treatment information, these changes will respond to the realities of clinical practice. In addition, altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

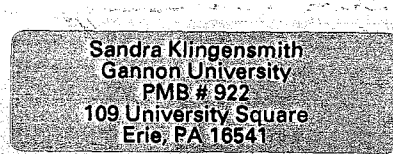
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As a student studying to become a physician assistant with intentions of practicing in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sandra Klingensmith



Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant student, attending 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 me, my fellow PA students, and of course all currently employed PAs, to care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

As you are well aware, the medical board has previously approved these proposed regulations. They now are facing the next steps in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes seem numerous, they actually are only 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 and increase PA integration into their health care team. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of everyday clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better and faster access to appropriate and much needed treatments.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive insight of our modern health care system. They are an appropriate mix 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 already adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes, if not for us, for the best quality care of the patients we treat everyday. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stacy Garich PA-S
Gannon University

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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Christopher D'Amanda 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.

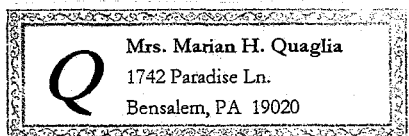
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Marian H. Quaglia, PA-C



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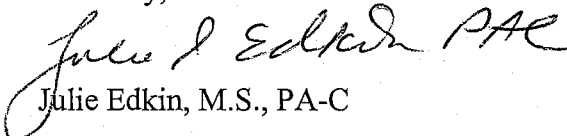
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Scott Myers in Danville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow 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 time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Julie Edkin, M.S., PA-C

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Gabbay 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Kavon PA-C". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "PA-C" clearly visible at the end.

Michelle Kavon PA-C
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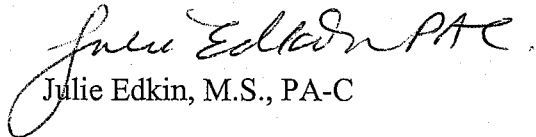
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Thomas Challman in Danville, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and 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 time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Julie Edkin, M.S., PA-C

Teresa Bisnett, M.D., F.C.C.P.
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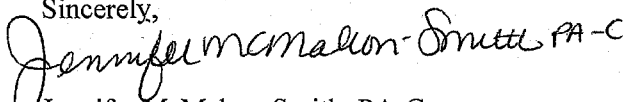
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dixie Lee Harris, M.D. and Teresa Bisnett, M.D. in Franklin, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they 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. 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 allow 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 physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer McMahon-Smith, PA-C

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 physician assistant student from 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 me and my supervising physician to care for patients more efficiently. I feel these changes are important to further the development of the physician assistant profession in Pennsylvania.

The proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board, but they now are facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While there are many proposed changes, they come down to a reasonable update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. The changes will streamline but not reduce supervision and allow physicians to utilize their PA's more efficiently. By changing the length of time for chart review and relay of treatment information, it will be more realistic for clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

The regulatory revisions signify a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are a suitable blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and carefully utilize PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As a future Physician Assistant, I recommend the Board to implement these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Adanich, PA-S

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

I am a physician assistant student at Duquesne University 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.

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

Sincerely,

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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. G. Scott Long and Dr. Moses S. Raj 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.

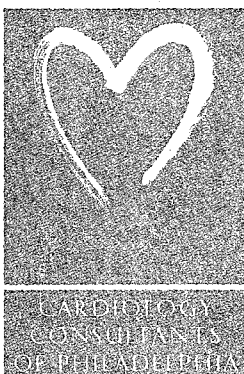
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November 23, 2005

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 assistant who practices in the area of cardiology with the supervision of Mark F. Victor, M.D. 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 as well as my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively utilizing the team medicine approach, which we enjoy. As you know, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical Board. They are now facing the next step in the process:

1. Review by the Legislature;
2. Review by the public; and
3. Final review by the medical Board.

While the proposed changes are numerous, essentially they boil down to an moderate update of PA regulations in Pennsylvania. At Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia, we truly utilize the team medicine approach in our cardiology outpatient offices. Update of these regulations will streamline our procedures and allow us to more effectively and efficiently provide for our patients without diminishing the supervisory role and thus allows us to effectively utilize PAs in our outpatient office. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, this will truly reflect the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments. PAs in Pennsylvania are actively involved in the treatment, diagnostic and continued care of patients in a team medicine approach.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. In my mind, they are an appropriate and timely change, which truly reflects the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations will also allow PAs to ultimately provide better patient care.

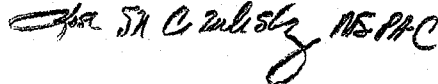
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I commend the Board's previous work and approval of these regulations. As you are aware, the regulations were reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. They are timely and much needed. I anticipate that they will allow a much more realistically regulated PA profession while still clearly maintaining the cardiologist's role in our physician-directed health care team. They are an appropriate blend of public protection while recognizing the regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs in the health-care team. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language that is adopted in other states.

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

If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact our office at any time.

Sincerely,



ROSE M. COVALESKY, M.S., P.A.-C.

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December 6, 2005

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

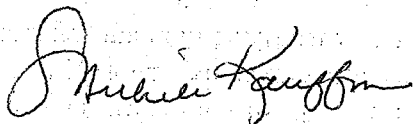
As Chair of the Physician Assistant Department at Gannon University, I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow physician assistants and supervising physician to care for patients more effectively. These changes will encourage physician assistants trained in Pennsylvania to remain in Pennsylvania, instead of relocating to States with more favorable regulations.

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. Since they have not been modified since 1993, there have been countless changes made in healthcare. 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 physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michele Kauffman JD, MPAS, PA-C

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7 December 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 physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gavarone 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 aware, the medical board has previously approved the proposed regulations. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they 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 the PAs employed by them. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to what really occurs in 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,

Sharon R. Greenberg, M.S., PA-C

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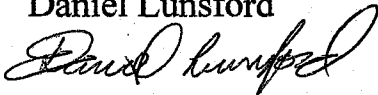
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As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Daniel Lunsford



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November 28, 2005

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

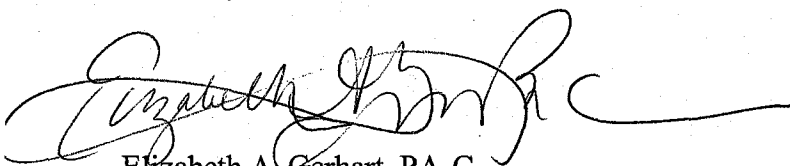
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Gregory Murphy in Lancaster, PA. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervision 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,



Elizabeth A. Gerhart, PA-C

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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
PO BOX 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Francis H. Tseng 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 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 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,

Heather Galiczynski PA-C
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. James McCaughan 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.

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 cursive script that reads "Cheryl Haefele, PA-C".

Cheryl Haefele, PA-C

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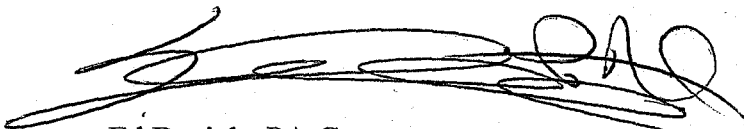
I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Marian McDonald at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation 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,



Ed Daniels, PA-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 physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robin Skrine 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laurie Stroczko".

Laurie Stroczko, PA-C

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December 2, 2005

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Kovar in Ambler, 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.

This true perhaps in particular for me, as I work in an acute care psychiatric hospital, where best practice guidelines frequently require orders for medications that are "off label" by FDA standards. In addition, an essential group of medications – amphetamine based psychostimulants – are presently not approved for me to prescribe in Pennsylvania. Across the Delaware within ten miles of my home, this is not the case. Physician assistants and nurse practitioners routinely write for psychostimulants for children in both the ambulatory and acute care settings. The benefits to patients and families are appreciable. With proper supervision and training, physician assistants perform a valuable service to families in New Jersey, where, like Pennsylvania, the wait to see a child and adolescent behavioral medicine professional can be up to two months.

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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Please feel free to contact me at the address or e-mail above if I may be of any assistance in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Albert J. Bono, MSPAS, PA-C

733 Bradford Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19147
December 5, 2005

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

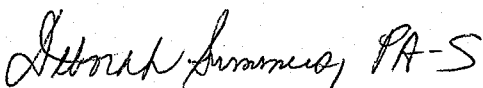
I am a senior physician assistant student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, planning to practice in Philadelphia after graduation. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update 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.

Sincerely,



Deborah Summers, PA-S

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December 5, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants.

As you are aware, these proposed changes have been previously 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 allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs and ultimately lead to better patient 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 PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

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Sincerely,



Robert Cohen, PA-C

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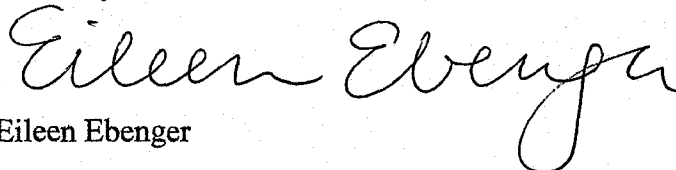
Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

My name is Eileen Ebenger and I am a physician assistant student at Duquesne University 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.

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

Sincerely,


Eileen Ebenger

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. Martin Pasqualone in Lower Bucks Emergency Department, 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.

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 PAs. 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, 
Scott R. McClain PA-C

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

I am a faculty member in the Department of Physician Assistant at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 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 practicing clinicians to care for patients more effectively.

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 reflect only a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will enable supervising physicians to efficiently utilize the physician assistant while in no way diminishing supervision. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Modifying the prescription regulations for physician assistants will enable better patient access to appropriate medical therapy.

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 PAs. The provisions represented in the regulations correspond with language adopted in other states.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah A. Opacic, PA-C
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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

My name is Elizabeth Ripepi PA-C, and I am practicing under the supervision of Dr. Pavlos Papasavas at the West Penn Bariatric Surgery Center 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. Currently we see patients three days a week in the office and operate two to three days a week. I currently see patients in the office and during their stay in the hospital.

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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,

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

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Paul Lin 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

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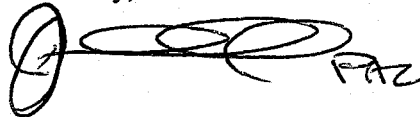
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

I am a physician assistant student at Seton Hill University 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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Sincerely,

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November 21, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Mian Jan, M.D. 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 my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

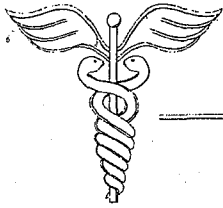
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As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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November 29, 2005

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jay Robinson, in Coalport, Pennsylvania. We work in a federally-funded Community Health Center, providing care to almost 5000 uninsured and underinsured patients, in rural Cambria and Clearfield Counties.

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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