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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 student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes in Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I understand the nature of these proposed changes as they relate to physician assistants and their supervising physicians and their respective roles in the healthcare system. I see the changes providing a great deal more versatility for healthcare providers which equates to higher quality patient care.

Replacing a regimented list of duties that a PA may perform with a broad statement that describes physician delegation will expand PA responsibilities thus allowing the physician to attend to other tasks that are more definitely outside the PA's scope of practice. Lengthening the physician's review time of PA charts from three to ten days will further add to this versatility which will further streamline the healthcare process.

I strongly urge the board, after careful consideration of the issues at hand, to adopt these proposed changes for the betterment of the healthcare system, its providers and recipients, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank-you,



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