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


As a practicing physician in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, I am writing in support of the proposed Changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants. The suggested changes appear to be long overdue, and will allow us to more effectively care for our patients.

These regulations, previously approved by the Board of Medicine, are facing the next step in the approval process. The changes do not appear to significantly alter supervisory regulations, but will allow physicians to better utilize PA's.

Since we are a general surgical practice, the changes in prescription regulations seem appropriate, but it would make sense to change the category II authority to a 5 day limit instead of 3 days. Post operative surgical pain usually requires more than just 3 days of narcotic analgesia. It is also noted that there is no change in the anticoagulant regulation. What cardiovascular or cardiology practice would not be streamlined by allowing their PA's to prescribe anticoagulants? Additionally, changing the time for chart review and relaying treatment information is more in sync with the times.

As a licensed and board certified surgeon practicing in the state of Pennsylvania, I urge the State Board of Medicine to adopt these changes. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

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