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

I am a Physician Assistant in the state of Penna. I have been employed in this capacity since 1976 by Medical Assoc of Boswell. Dr. Wm. Thompson is my supervising physician. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Penna. Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants. These proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession, thus allowing me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

These proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process. I believe these proposed changes will enhance patient care but not diminish doctor supervision. We need to expand the prescription regulations for PAs to give patients better access to the most appropriate treatments. We currently are not able to prescribe sympathomimetic agents - e.g. Sudafed. This drug can be purchased over the counter, but many patients have prescription coverage for this. Another life saving drug is Albuterol used for asthma and COPD pts. Dr. McInane can. Practices then are very commonly used

Very important drugs.

I support the change for prescribing Schedule II drugs if originally ordered and approved for ongoing therapy by the supervising physician.

I support the elimination of the every 3rd visit restriction. I believe this is best determined by the supervising physician for each practice and the condition of the patient.

I support the change for coenter signatures of charts from 3 days to 10 days.

These above proposals are in line with the realities of clinical practice demands. I believe they will allow the physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's and offer their patients good medical care.

As a licensed PA in the state of Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration of the above proposals.

Sincerely,

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