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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:

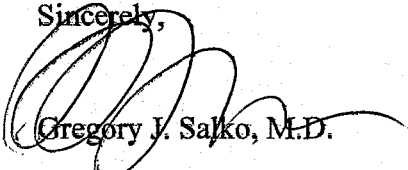
We are physicians who supervise four physician assistants, Kenneth Bannon, Jennifer Weidner-Clark, Loriann Manfre, and JoAnn Johnson. We have a group practice in Pennsylvania. We are writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow us and our physician assistants to care for patients more effectively.

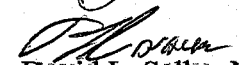
While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a needed modernization of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline supervision without diminishing the physician's role in providing care, and allow doctors to make the best use of their PA s In changing the length of time for chart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

We 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 states. They represent an important update and progressive view of the health care team. We anticipate that they will allow a more thoughtfully regulated PA profession, while clearly maintaining the doctor's role in physician-directed health care.

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

Sincerely,

  
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