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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 who supervises Cherish Eby, PA-C, and practices in Chambersburg, 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,  
[Signature]

Counter signatures in 10 days is more than adequate.  
Required physician involvement is a factor of practice & calculation  
not merely every third visit. Why wouldn't we want PAs to  
prescribe scheduled & as-needed? Thank you for your support.