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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I have worked very closely with Julia Jenkins, PAC for the past ten years, nine of which I was her supervising physician.

Julia is an excellent PA and I never had an issue with her patient care or judgment.

The current PA rules are onerous especially the time limits for co-signing notes and for every third-visit rules for often very simple problems.

Also having short-term prescription privileges for Schedule II narcotics would be a great help, and also the ability to refill narcotic prescriptions that were initiated by me.

Last of all the ban on prescribing sympathomimetics seems inexplicable. Please support these regulatory revisions.

Sincerely,

SAINT VINCENT HEALTH CENTER



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