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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D.
Chairman, State Board of Medicine
Bureau of Occupational & Professional Affairs
2801 North Third Street
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RE: Regulation 168-4916
PA Code, Title 99, Chapter 18
Relating to Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Hummer:

As you know, it is our mission to remove the barriers that exist in our present regulations which prohibit access to care of our patients and compromise our ability to provide care effectively.

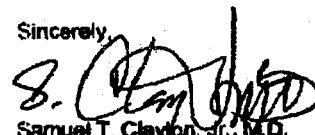
The requirement for weekly review of patient and supervisor countersignature of medical record entries made by the P.A. within three days needs to be changed to a countersignature being made within 10 days.

It is further requested and felt absolutely imperative that the requirement for physician supervisor to see each patient on every third visit or at least once a year be changed to allow for recognizing that the involvement of the physician supervisor be predicated on factors such as practice type, and site, and the condition of the patient. This would also apply to satellite facilities. Thirdly, at present P.A.'s may not prescribe or dispense Schedule I or II controlled drugs. This proposal calls for allowing P.A.'s to prescribe or dispense Schedule II controlled drugs for initial therapy up to 72 hour dose scheduling and requires that they notify the supervising physician within 24 hours. The proposal would further allow the P.A. to write for a Schedule II drug for up to 30 day's supply if the original prescription was ordered and approved by the ongoing therapy by the supervising physician.

Finally, these actions would remove the barrier of prescribing sympathomimetic medications (i.e., pseudoephedrine and albuterol).

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter, and, hopefully, these changes will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



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