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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing in two different clinical settings. I practice primarily under the supervision of Dr. Bret Daniels in Columbia, PA in a family practice office and am also practicing under the supervision of Dr. Charles Rost, in an endocrinology practice in Lancaster, PA. I am writing to support the proposed changes to PA Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I believe that these proposed changes will enable me and my fellow physician assistants as well as our supervising physicians to care for patients more effectively. These proposed regulation changes have already been approved by the medical board. These changes will enable more streamlined medical care. I feel that, in particular, the requirement that the patient see the physician every third visit has caused a difficulty in providing adequate care to patients. As an example, in the endocrinology practice, I manage the insulin pump patients. These patients need close weekly follow up when initially starting on an insulin pump. It is difficult to schedule these appointments so they are seeing the endocrinologist every third visit in these circumstances. This often causes a delay in follow up appointments and thus has the potential of effecting patient care.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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