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Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr., D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am the Executive Director of Sadler Health Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Sadler is a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike that serves the uninsured and underinsured residents of Cumberland County, western Perry County and portions of Adams and Franklin Counties. With the current economy, our patient base has grown tremendously. Medical care at Sadler is provided by two Osteopathic physicians, one physician assistant and two nurse practitioners. We also have an Allopathic doctor on staff on a volunteer basis.

I am in complete support of the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of Osteopathic physicians. This is in the best interest of our patients and would expedite the high quality of care provided by our PA.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Herstek

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Executive Director