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Dr. Gallagher:

I am pleased with the form of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine 16A-5318: Physician Assistant Prescriptive Authority that I received March 2, 2009.

I became a physician assistant long before the Allopathic Board allowed PAs to prescribe and worked in a couple of mixed Allopathic/ Osteopathic practices. Going to work for a solo Osteopathic practice nine years ago was much more handicapping and confusing than I had expected. My supervising physician will be one of the happiest beneficiaries of the prescribing changes.

Doctors, pharmacists, patients, and pharmaceutical sales representatives have listened to me explain how prescribing is dictated by the Osteopathic boards lack of promulgation of their practice act. I look forward to telling them that the Osteopathic board has changed their regulations, that they will be enacted, and there will be less confusion because they match the Allopathic regulations for PA's!

Thank you, very much!

Sincerely:



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