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

Re: Proposed Prescription regulations for Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend, without reservation, that the Proposed Prescription Regulations for Physician Assistants be approved by the Osteopathic Board of Medicine.

It is my understanding that the Osteopathic Board of Medicine has finished the proposed language for delegated prescriptive authority for Certified Physicians Assistants.

You have on file a previous letter from me dated October 29, 2007, supporting the proposed regulations at that time, and my feelings remain unchanged.

I remain in Family Medicine for the past 42 years and have employed a PA-C for the past 28 years. Our patients continue to remain the beneficiary of this increased access to care. I trust the proposed regulations will mirror the Allopathic regulations, as it will be much less confusing in a practice such as ours which employs Osteopathic and Allopathic Physicians.

I guess patience is a virtue in anticipation of these long overdue proposed regulations. Thank you in advance, for the Board of Osteopathic Medicine's role in this becoming a reality.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Samitt, D.O.

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