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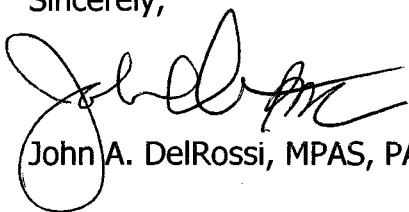
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RE: Physician Assistant Prescribing Regulations

It's likely that most people see D.O.'s and M.D.'s as compatibly trained physicians. As well, it's likely that a D.O. would consider him/herself to be a physician with the ability to supervise a physician assistant equally to that of his/her M.D. counterpart. As such, the ability to supervise a physician assistant and the ability to delegate tasks, including prescriptive and dispensing authority, should be equal to either physician.

I am in full support of the amended regulations 25.142,25.162 regarding registration as supervising physicians, as well as adding regulations 25.177, 25.178 regarding the prescribing and dispensing of drugs.

Sincerely,



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