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Dear Dr. Gallagher, Jr., D.O

I am writing in support of the proposed regulations for prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. As a physician assistant in an orthopedic office I work closely with my supervising physicians to provide the highest quality of care to my patients. I am able to create a more positive visit for patients and decrease the time my patients have to wait unnecessarily because I have prescriptive authority. Although I am supervised by allopathic physicians, I still feel it is very important, if not imperative for physician assistants to have prescriptive authority to effectively treat patients. I believe that there should be consistency in Pennsylvania's regulations, especially in the current health care crisis, so patients are able to receive the highest quality of care and create a more efficient health care system. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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