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In regards to: Osteopathic prescribing regulations on physician assistant prescribing authority

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

Dear Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr., D.O. and the Board,

I write this letter in support of the proposed regulations as written to allow physician assistants prescriptive authority under the supervision of a licensed osteopathic physician. Currently, I am a practicing physician assistant at a pulmonary and sleep medicine specialty group under the supervision of allopathic and osteopathic physicians. This regulation will undoubtedly benefit the patients in our practice.

Thank you,

Melanie DiPerna PA-C

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