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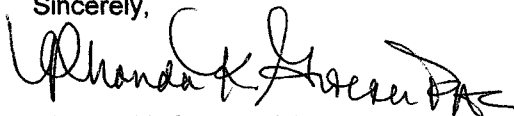
Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am writing out of full support for the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. I am a Physician Assistant that has been working under the supervision of an Osteopathic Physician for over eight years now and previously worked under the supervision of an Allopathic Physician. PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of Allopathic physicians for years. Osteopathic physicians should have the same autonomy to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their MD colleagues. With the proposed prescription regulations, the individual physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe. To avoid confusion, the prescribing regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations.

Implementation of the proposed prescribing regulations will lead to positive change. Access to care will be improved as PAs will be able to practice to the full extent of their training under the supervision of their Osteopathic physician. Osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority. Also, a PA may be more likely to apply to a job under the supervision of an Osteopathic physician knowing they can practice to the full extent of their training. This will in turn remove some barriers to care.

I appreciated the privilege to practice under an allopathic physician's prescription regulations and would appreciate the same under my current osteopathic supervising physician. I have and will continue to work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety.

Sincerely,



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