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Dear Doctor Gallagher:

I am writing on the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for Physician Assistants working under the supervision of the osteopathic physician. We are asking the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to support this published language for delegated prescribing.

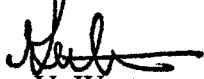
Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing medicines funder the supervision of allopathic physicians for years and osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority. All physician assistants have to work under supervision to ensure patient safety and access to care will be improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by DOs will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.

Osteopathic Physicians may be more likely to hire a PA if they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn avoid waiting times, increased availability of appointments, and allow the physician time to focus on complicated cases and dedicate his/her time where needed. Hospitals may by more likely to hire Osteopathic Physicians if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority.

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I ask for your support in the delegating prescriptive authority for Physician Assistants working under a supervised Osteopathic Physician. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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