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To: Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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I am writing in support of prescription privileges of Physician Assistants practicing under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. PAs supervised by osteopathic physicians should have the same prescription writing privileges as PAs currently supervised by allopathic physicians; allowing PAs to practice to the fullest extent of their training.

Physician Assistants receive the same education and training, whether they are supervised by an osteopathic or allopathic physician. PAs under the supervision of allopathic physicians have been safely prescribing for years. The supervision of a physician also helps ensure patient safety.

Osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs mirroring those of their allopathic colleagues. The regulations should be stated exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in clinical practice. This will allow PAs to be more valuable to DOs, improving access to care by reducing waiting times, increasing appointment availability, and allowing physicians to focus on more complicated cases. This will allow DOs to be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority.

Allowing PAs to have the same regulations under DOs and MDs may also mean more potential job openings for PAs in Pennsylvania, and as a student, I would be more inclined to practice in Pennsylvania if I could work to my fullest potential. This opportunity would also help slow the "Brain Drain" of well-educated graduates whom may leave to practice in other states.

In conclusion, PAs practicing under osteopathic physicians should have the same regulations and prescription privileges as those practicing under allopathic physicians to improve the access of care, avoid confusion in clinical practice, and to increase interest in upcoming Pennsylvania PA graduates to stay and practice in the state.

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