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Dear Sir:

This letter is in regards to proposed regulations published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on October 20, 2007 in regards to Physician Assistant regulations. We support the proposed prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. We feel that these regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations. We think that in doing this we will eliminate confusion in clinical practice. PA's have been prescribing under the allopathic physicians for many years. We think that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive ability to their PA's as do the MD colleagues. We think that with your approval and the State's approval of these regulations that we will have more continuity of care in that there will still be supervising physician to delegate whether PA's can prescribe or not within their individual practice and what drugs will be permitted to be prescribed. We think that with these changes we can provide better service to our patients in Pennsylvania.

In summary we ask for your kind consideration to supporting these new regulations.

Sincerely yours,



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