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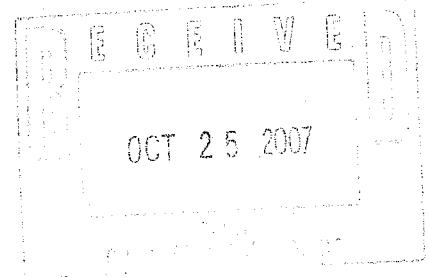
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am a board certified allopathic physician in Pennsylvania and have had a physician assistant for the past year. She is able to extend care to all of my patients through her prescriptive abilities, although I still co-sign and approve everything she does. She only prescribes medications that I have approved in advance. It is very unfortunate that osteopathic-supervised PAs are unable to prescribe, since they are trained in the same fashion as my PA. I believe the legislation should be passed to approve osteopathic-supervised PA prescriptive abilities and its wording should be the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any problems. I hope you consider passing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Mannino, MD