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Dear Dr. Fasano,

As a Osteopathic Physician working in an office with a Physician Assistant, I believe the proposed new regulations with regards to prescribing authority in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board of Medicine is a step in improving patient health care. By allowing the Physician Assistants to utilize the full extent of their training under the supervision of all physicians, we will all become more effective in our designated health care provider rolls.

As you know, Physician Assistants have been delegated this privilege under the supervision of allopathic physicians, and have been safely prescribing medications with their supervision for years. By keeping the wording and prescribing methods the same as that of the allopathic physicians, it would avoid confusion and promote safety in clinical practice.

As Osteopathic Physicians, we can increase our value to our patients by supervising Physician Assistants with prescribing authority. Together, we can improve access to care, reduce wait times, and increase availability of appointments in the out patient office, which will allow us to spend additional time to focus on more complex patients.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Zimmerman, DO

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