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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman
Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the proposed regulations to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants. I am a physician assistant employed by two osteopathic physicians in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

I was very encouraged to learn that the Osteopathic Board is considering this much needed change to the regulations. The Board's approval of this change would allow our family practice to operate more efficiently and effectively without compromising patient care. Allowing osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to PAs will encourage the hiring of PAs, thereby improving access to care by reducing wait times, increasing availability of appointments, and allowing the physician to focus on more complicated medical cases.

My PA colleagues who practice under the allopathic board have been prescribing safely for years. All PAs have the same training regardless of whether they practice under a DO or MD. Supporting this change is a win for physicians, physician assistants, and more importantly for patients. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Board approve the proposed changes to the regulations by using wording that mirrors the allopathic regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner,
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

Edward G. Rendell, Governor