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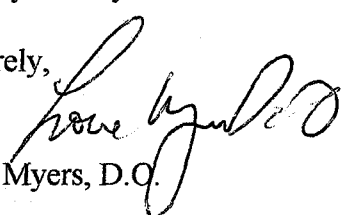
Dear Dr. Fasano,

Please be aware of my support for the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. As a practicing osteopathic physician in a large cardiology group, I supervise four physician assistants. With a population of cardiac patients, changes to pharmaceutical regimens are a frequent occurrence. My P.A.s work closely with me and my partners in initiating or changing medications. They have had extensive experience in caring for such patients and can implement many prescriptive treatments independently as well. I find that, given the close supervisory relationship that I have with our physician assistants, it is quite cumbersome to have to intervene in patient encounters for the purpose of personally writing a prescription when I almost always agree that the P.A.'s decision is correct. The physician assistants that work in our group are very good about requesting supervision if they do not feel comfortable with a particular clinical decision. Therefore, I trust that none will prescribe outside of the limits of their knowledge base or abilities. This, for me and my partners, assures me that patient safety is not compromised by their prescriptive authority under our supervision.

In order to avoid confusion, these regulations must be phrased identically to those currently in place under the allopathic regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,


Louie Myers, D.O.

cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs
Governor Edward G. Rendell