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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing in regards to the prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the osteopathic board. As a PA I have been writing prescriptions safely for years under allopathic physicians and support the changes the proposed changes. It has allowed patients better access to health care and freed up the physician to concentrate on the more complicated and seriously ill patients.

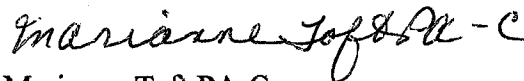
At the present time I am working under the supervision of both M.D.s and D.O.s. It holds patients up when my supervising doctor for the day is a D.O. because I can not write for medications. I must wait till the physician is available to do it.

To avoid any confusion at pharmacies and in hospitals it would be best if the osteopathic board adopted the same language for prescriptions as the allopathic board. Keep in mind that it is up to the individual physician to decide whether their PA will prescribe and also what drugs they will be permitted to prescribe.

With the adoption of prescribing regulations it will give more patients access to health care. More osteopathic physicians and hospitals will be willing to hire PAs to relieve the burden, reduce waiting time and increase availability of appointments.

I kindly ask you to seriously consider these changes as soon as possible. Thank you for your time.

Your Partner in Health Care,



Marianne Taft PA-C

cc Basil Merenda
Governor E Rendell