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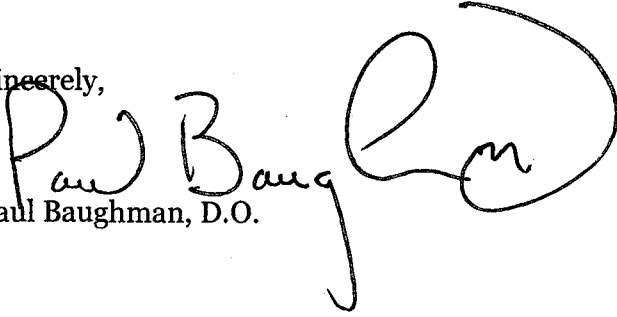
Dear Dr. Fasano:

I was very excited to hear that the PSPA has claimed to be closer than ever with getting prescriptive authority delegated for all physician assistants in the state of Pennsylvania. I am an osteopathic physician who has been in practice for several years. Due to specific needs I felt it was necessary to acquire a physician assistant into my practice early this year. The decision was a wise business decision for the growth and expansion of the practice has been phenomenal. Due to increased responsibility of duties outside the office I recently hired another physician assistant to help me. Having two physician assistants on staff has allowed me to focus more on the overall needs and duties of the business but also has kept me hindered in one area. Because of their lack of prescriptive rights, I find that the largest portion of my responsibilities lies in fulfilling this missing void. Even though the practice has grown, I have never seen such lack of efficiency, continuity of care, and impeded physician duties.

The physician assistants have the training in the area of medication prescription and should be allowed to perform this task to the full extent of their training. This authority should be allowed under any licensed physician whether they are allopathic or osteopathic. They deserve the same rights that other mid-level providers are offered when working under osteopathic physicians.

Please allow this regulation for the physician assistant prescriptive rights to be delegated.

Sincerely,


Paul Baughman, D.O.