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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed regulations allowing Osteopathic Physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to Physician Assistants. I have been a practicing PA for almost ten years, and I see significant benefits to approving this legislation.

Access to care will be improved because Physician Assistants who are supervised by Osteopathic Physicians will be able to practice to the full extent of their training, which will reduce waiting times, increase availability of appointments, and allow the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. DOs will also be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices by allowing the PAs to prescribe.

Of note, Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing with the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. Physician Assistants receive the same training whether they will be supervised by a DO or an MD. Finally, each physician and his/her PA can jointly decide what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe.

Also please consider that the regulations be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. Thank you for your time and consideration of this extremely important regulation.

Sincerely,

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