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To the Osteopathic Board of Medicine:

The Girard Pharmacy would like to inform you that we support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physicians assistants. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians in our community for years. It only makes sense to include osteopathic physicians as overseers of physician assistants in prescribing as well. We have seen and heard nothing but positive reviews from our customers who see physician assistants locally for their medical needs. Extending prescribing authority of physicians assistants under osteopathic physicians will greatly improve patient care by allowing physicians to focus more time on difficult cases, decrease wait time in offices, and increase the availability of appointments. Hospitals will also be more likely to hire a osteopathic doctor in the state of Pennsylvania if they can legally oversee physician assistants as prescribers. This is a win/win situation for healthcare in Pennsylvania. It will decrease patient workload on osteopathic physicians and improve patient access to healthcare.

Thank you

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