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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you as a future medical professional to express how important newly proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants working under the supervision of osteopathic physicians are to myself and my colleagues. The proposed regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on October 30. I wish to emphasize the fact that the regulations for osteopathic physicians should be worded in the exact wording used for the allopathic regulations in order to avoid ANY confusion in clinical practice. Osteopathic physicians (DO's) should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to the PA's as their MD colleagues. PA's have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians (MD's) for years. Access to care will be improved because the PA's who are currently supervised by DO's will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. Hospitals/practice may also be more likely to hire DO's if they have the ability to have their PA's write prescriptions.

I hope you will realize the importance of this issue and please lend your support!

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