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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Charles P. Fasano DO Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed regulations that would allow Physician Assistants to prescribe under Osteopathic Physicians. I work in Family Practice in Phoenixville under the supervision of Dr. Stephanie Kaliner. We have a growing practice and take many insurances including Medicaid. I believe that patient access to care will be greatly improved with the passage of these regulations. We anticipate there will be reduced waiting times for appointments and increased availability of appointments. This will allow Dr. Kaliner to focus more time on complicated cases as well as perform OMT for the many musculoskeletal injuries that we see.

Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. When I was working for Lorna Stuart MD I had a Medical Physician Assistant license number and was able to prescribe which facilitated patient flow in a very busy office setting. I am requesting that Osteopathic Physicians be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their MD colleagues. These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice.

I strongly urge you to pass the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ferguson PA-C

cc: Basil L.Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs PO Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

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