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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am a practicing physician assistant with Family Practice Associates of Exton and Marshallton who has worked with with a D.O. supervising physician there for over 14 years. The recent proposal by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board of Medicine to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptions to PAs has prompted me to write in support of this much needed change.

There is no debate that physician assistants bring tremendous value to the healthcare arena, however, the past restrictions on prescriptive privileges has limited the use of PAs to the fullest extent of our training. Our allopathic colleagues have been prescribing for years under the supervision of MDs, which has improved access to care, made PAs more valuable to those practices- which in turn has increased PAs employed and available appointments - and has allowed physicians more time for more complicated cases.

I strongly support the passage of regulations to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptions to the PAs they supervise, worded exactly the same as allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kimberly R. Tupper, PA-C

CC: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs  
Governor Edward G. Rendell