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

I have been involved in Family Practice for nearly fifty years in northwestern Pennsylvania. One of the early Physician Assistants was employed and supervised by myself for over twenty-five years with outstanding success. In addition, I served as Clinical Assistant Professor in the Gannon University (Erie, Pa.) Physician Assistant program for several years.

I strongly support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants and urge that they be worded exactly as the present allopathic regulations, thus avoiding any confusion. The allopathic regulations have served well. It remains of utmost importance that the supervising physician must remain in full command and decide exactly which medications his / her P.A. may prescribe.

It has been proven that physicians and hospitals are much more likely to hire physician assistants if they may authorize prescriptive authority.

Thank you for your interest and attention in this important matter.

  
Richard C. Boyle, M.D.

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