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RE: Proposed Osteopathic Prescribing Regulations for Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I would like to take this opportunity to give my support for the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physicians assistants. I have interviewed physician assistants in the past and have not been able to hire one due to the prescribing regulations for the prescribing regulations for physician assistants at the present time. I feel that the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in medical practice. It has been noted that physician assistants have been safely prescribing medications under supervision of allopathic physicians (M.D.) for years. I feel that Osteopathic physicians (D.O.) should be given the same ability to dedicate prescriptive authority to their P.A.'s as our M.D. colleagues. The physician assistants work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety. I feel that access to care will be improved because the physician assistants who are currently supervised by D.O.'s would be able to practice to the full extent of their training. D.O.'s are certainly more likely, as I would be and have indicated able to hire a physician assistant once they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove barriers due to care, due to reduce waiting times, increased availability of appointments, especially in my practice and allow the physician to focus more on the complicated cases. In addition hospitals/practices would be more likely to hire D.O.'s if they would be able to supervise physician assistants with delegated prescriptive authority. In addition it would be up to the individual physician to decide whether his or her P.A. would prescribe (or not) and what medications the physician assistants will be permitted to prescribe.

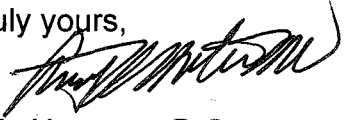
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Please feel free to contact me if you require any clarification in my opinion in regards to the proposed Osteopathic prescriber regulation for the physician assistants.

Very truly yours,



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