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Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania, I am concerned with the regulations of prescription-writing rights of PAs in Pennsylvania. PAs have been permitted to write prescriptions under the supervision of an MD but currently the laws forbid PAs to write prescriptions while working with a DO. I feel that regulations for PA should be the same under a DO as an MD. For years, PAs have been safely prescribing under MDs. Ultimately, if PAs obtain the right to write prescriptions while working with a DO, the PA will still be supervised by the DO, they will just not have to obtain a signature for the prescription written. The benefits of allowing PAs to write prescriptions under the supervision of a DO would include allowing the PA to spend more time with patients instead of waiting for a physician to sign the prescription. The patients would also benefit by having less time to wait in the office for their prescription. If the patient knows their visit to the physician may take longer, they may delay seeking care.

As a student, I feel I am being taught to write prescriptions, therefore I feel that I should be allowed to do so. I am concerned that my future job as a PA will not be the same as I was taught. If this law is passed, I hope to gain the privilege of working under a DO and writing prescriptions.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Stotler, PA-S

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