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


I am writing to express my support for the passage of prescriptive privileges for physician assistants in Pennsylvania who work under osteopathic physicians. For most of my 25 years as a physician assistant I have worked for allopathic physicians and I have been using prescriptive rights since the regulations were passed in the 1990's.

At one point several years ago, I worked for a group of four physicians. Three of my supervising physicians were M.D.s and one was an osteopath. It was difficult for everyone involved because I was not permitted to write prescriptions for one doctor's patients but I could for the others. I treated all the patients similarly but it took more time to take care of the osteopathic doctors patients as I had to track him down to get prescriptions from him. It was also confusing to the patients and to the support staff.

For this reason, the new regulations should be worded exactly as they are for allopathic physicians, so that the rest of the medical community will have continuity. Physicians and physician assistants continue to care for patients in a safe manner as each PA must work under the supervision of a doctor and the agreement is filed with permission granted from the states governing boards.

Many of my colleagues are still in positions where the differing regulations hinder their ability to care for patients. For this reason I am urging you to pass the proposed regulations and provide more timely and efficient healthcare for Pennsylvania's residents.

Sincerely,



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