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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you to support the approval of prescribing rights for Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania practicing under DO's. Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under supervising MD's since the mid 1990's and working cooperatively with MD's to provide better patient care. Physician Assistants have the same level of training so it should not matter whether they work under an MD or DO. Regulations should be the same for PA's. PA's all have the same degree's so our level of patient care and responsibility should not vary from office to office. The goal of PA's is to help provide better patient care, be able to spend more time with the patient, explain the disease process to the patient, and educate the patient. Our role in health care also allows MD's to spend more time with their patients and not be overwhelmed with a limited time schedule. As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania I feel that we should be able to have equal rights. After spending all of my time and money getting an excellent education in the health care field I do not want to have to worry about not being able to find a job because of these limitations on our profession. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Angela Wallace PA-S

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CC: Basil L. Merenda, Governor Edward G. Rendell