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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

It has come to my attention that Physician Assistants are not permitted to sign their own scripts under the supervision of a D.O. I believe that PAs are fully capable of prescribing and signing their own scripts because they have been safely prescribing under an M.D. for years. If PAs are able to prescribe under a D.O. it would better the care for patients in the long run. This would allow for PAs to spend more time with patients instead of finding the D.O. to sign off on a script. The D.O. would benefit because they would not be interrupted as often and they would be able to spend quality time with their patients and give them the best care possible. As a current PA student I take this issue to heart. We as students are thoroughly taught how to appropriately write scripts and are taught the importance of careful and precise instructions for administering prescriptions to patients. We spend a great deal of time working on practice prescriptions so that we are fully capable of writing real prescriptions when we are completed with our degrees. Not being able to write prescriptions under a D.O. does not allow for the proper care of our patients and the ability for us as PAs to fully use our education. The fact that PAs are currently and effectively prescribing under M.D.'s shows that PAs are capable of such tasks and should be considered for being able to prescribe under the supervision of a D.O. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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