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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649,
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing this letter to support the proposed regulations to allow DOs to delegate prescription writing to the PAs they supervise, in the same manner that MDs have done. The proposed regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on October 20, 2007 and should be worded exactly the same for both allopathic and osteopathic physicians. This will ensure continuity of patient care and will avoid confusion at the pharmacy level. This will alleviate any issues as to which physician is the primary supervisor on any given day and will improve access to care since PAs who are supervised by DO will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.

I personally have worked with PAs for many years and fully support these regulations. PAs have been safely prescribing with the supervisions of allopathic physicians for several years; the fact that PAs work with physician supervision ensures patient safety. As a DO, I feel that osteopathic physicians should be afforded the same opportunity to delegate prescriptive privileges as allopathic physicians. In addition, PAs will be more valuable to DOs with prescriptive authority; more practices will be able to hire a PA, knowing that they are able to more completely care for their patients. This will increase availability of healthcare and allow the physician more time to focus on more complicated cases.

Thank you for considering this letter and please support this important regulation which will help improve the delivery of quality healthcare in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Frances A. Feudale, DO, FACEP
cc: Basil L. Merenda; Governor Edward G. Rendell