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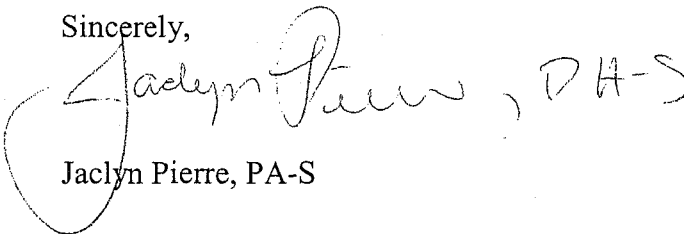
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

For the past decade physician assistants have had the privilege of writing prescriptions under MD's in clinical practice. However, this privilege is denied if a physician assistant is practicing under a doctor of osteopathy. As a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University, I am writing to you to ask for equal privileges while working under all practitioners, whether working under a doctor of osteopathy or doctor of allopathy.

Allowing physician assistants to prescribe under all doctors will be beneficial for not only physician assistants, but for doctors as well. As a physician assistant student, we are currently being trained to properly prescribe medications. Pharmacology and prescription writing is a focus in the current physician assistant schooling process. We are trusted by doctors of allopathy. The privilege to write prescriptions will increase patient interaction for both the DO and the physician assistant. This will allow for better patient care. Allowing prescribing rights for PA's will also increase the relationship between physician assistants and doctors of osteopathy. I urge you to reconsider the prescribing rights of physician assistants. Increasing physician assistant prescribing rights will be beneficial for the health care providers and the patients.

Sincerely,

  
Jaclyn Pierre, PA-S

cc: Basil L. Merenda,  
Governor Edward Rendell