

2644

October 30, 2007

RECEIVED

2007 NOV 14 PM 1:30

Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649,
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University and a recent attendee at the Pennsylvania State Physician Assistant conference, it has been brought to my attention that prescribing rights for physician assistants supervised by doctors of osteopathy are currently under consideration. I am writing to strongly recommend this advancement in the relationship between physician assistants and doctors of osteopathy. Physician assistants have been safely and competently prescribing under allopathic doctors since the mid-1990s. Allopathic doctors have reaped the benefits of employing physician assistants with prescribing privileges, and allowing osteopathic physician assistants to write prescriptions would similarly allow more efficient osteopathic patient care. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you will take this step toward a more effective physician/physician assistant relationship.

Sincerely,

Caroline Reist, PA-S

Caroline Reist, PA-S

cc: Basil L. Merenda
Governor Edward G. Rendell