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Dear Dr. Fasano,

As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania I am concerned over the current situation in Pennsylvania concerning the writing out of prescriptions for a Physician Assistant. The way things currently are, we are aloud to write out prescriptions while under the supervision of an M.D., but not while under a D.O.. Laws should be the same for Physician Assistants under an M.D. as they are for under a D.O.

The benefits of such a change would not stay with the practitioner but rather it would get passed along to the patient. This is due to the fact that time would be saved while working under a D.O., and we all know that for some patients' time is of the essence. If the PA can spend more time with a patient and less time trying to get prescriptions signed, the benefits can only be passed along to all. Especially considering that we or someone we care about are all patients at one point and time in our lives, would it not be better to save as much time as possible if there is potential complications that are time sensitive?

There is no reason we should not be aloud to have this ability. This is because as a PA student we are all taught to write out prescriptions and have all had proper education in the different drugs and their benefit to patients as well as the dangers they impose on other patients or those with certain complications. Besides, it is of importance to note that nurse practitioners have this ability and as such it seems only reasonable that PA's should have this privilege as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, as this issue is of great importance to everybody, and not just to Physician Assistants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Stasik, PA-S". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Todd Stasik, PA-S

CC: Basil L. Merenda

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