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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in regards to the prescriptive rights of Physician Assistant's in the state of Pennsylvania. Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under MD's since the mid 1990's. Therefore, I believe it is only appropriate for physician assistants to be able to prescribe under the supervision of a DO. I believe it to be equally important for physician assistants to write prescriptions under the supervision of a DO because it will enable you as a physician to spend more time with your patients and provide more efficient healthcare. Enabling physician assistants to write prescriptions will provide a more efficient, productive, and accessible health care office. I believe there should be no discrepancies among the prescriptive rights between a MD and DO; the role of a physician assistant is the same in both fields of medicine.

I believe enabling physician assistants to write prescriptions under a DO would not only be beneficial for you as a physician, but for the healthcare field overall.

Sincerely,



Christine Wassler, PA-S

Cc: Basil L. Merenda  
Governor Edward G. Rendell