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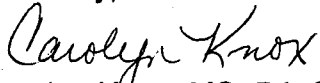
Dear Dr. Fasano:

This letter is being written in response to the proposed regulations change for Physician Assistants (PA) with osteopathic supervising physicians. I heartily support the proposal of allowing prescriptive privileges for PA's. I have been a practicing PA since 1984. For the past 8 years I have worked in family medicine and have had a DO supervising physician. If I see a patient who needs a prescription, then the patient must wait while I find the physician, wait for him to finish with his patient and then write the prescription. This adds considerable time to the patient's visit, when he/she could be going home to rest or getting back to work. The practice would run much more efficiently without this delay.

PA's have been prescribing under the allopathic act for many years and doing so safely. Updating the osteopathic regulations to mirror the allopathic regulations makes sense and avoids confusion for patients.

It is my hope that you will consider adopting the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational
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