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Charles P. Fasano, Chairman
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

As a physician assistant, I support the proposed osteopathic physician assistant prescriptive privileges; although I think they should be exactly the same as those in the allopathic regulations.

It was very disheartening, after working for MDs and prescribing for eight years to lose my delegated prescriptive privileges when I started working for a DO. There have been instances when my supervising physician has been on vacation and one of our patients had to see another physician to obtain a refill on a long term medication. If my physician had been able to delegate prescribing privileges to me, it would have saved a patient from taking another physician's appointment slot, therefore limiting care for others.

I don't want unlimited, undelegated, prescriptive authority. I want my physician supervisor, based on his relationship, confidence, and knowledge of my capabilities to make the decision as to what would be best for the patients in our practice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wendy A. Haldeman, PA-C

CC: Governor Edward Rendell
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