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Charles P. Fasano, DO  
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RE: Proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on October 20, 2007. I have worked as a physician assistant at Reading Hospital and Medical Center for nearly 20 years. I worked for over 16 years in Emergency Medicine and the past 3 years in Interventional Radiology. I have had MD and DO supervising physicians in both Departments; having different regulations governing my working relationship with these physicians has sometimes created logistical difficulties in providing continuity of care for patients.

In a setting where PA's work with both DO's and MD's, I believe it is essential to have identical governing regulations to avoid confusion. It will also allow PA's who work exclusively for DO's the ability to practice to the full extent of their training.

PA's have safely prescribed under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. I believe that revising the osteopathic regulations to give PA's the same prescriptive authority will further enhance the PA / DO's effectiveness in providing quality health care.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Carr, PA-C

cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Governor Edward G. Rendell