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

I work with two PA's in a long term / rehab. Center. I find their help and contributions to my practice to be "invaluable". In fact, I could not do the high level of work that I do without them. My time is freed to care for more complicated matters. The right to prescribe medications is a "must" for working with PA's in this fast-paced, reimbursement-driven medical climate.

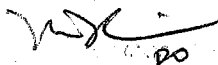
PA's have been safely prescribing medications, with supervision of allopathic physicians for years. It is to the Osteopathic's "great detriment" to not have the same right! My ability to practice is greatly weakened with the current regulations. DO's should have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as their MD colleagues. The regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. By being able to work with PA's, DO's can practice to the full extent of their training.

***DO's will also be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise PA's with delegated prescriptive authority. I have encountered this first hand! Salaries and advancements are also greatly hindered!*

Please take the above forementioned matter seriously. Our careers depend upon it!

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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