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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649,
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed regulations to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescription writing to PAs they supervise. Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians should have the same regulations for prescription writing. Physician Assistants are trained uniformly in pharmacology, so practicing under a MD or DO should not make a difference. PAs work with physician supervisors to ensure patient safety. Physician Assistants have been safely and effectively writing prescriptions under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. This will improve access to patient care for those PAs who work under a DO and will eliminate office policy difficulties when a DO covers for a PA who has an MD as a primary supervisor.

I fully support these regulatory changes. Osteopathic physicians will have more time to spend with their more difficult and complicated patients, allowing PAs to be more cost productive in the office and hospital settings.

As an educator in the state of Pennsylvania, I feel that our students will more likely stay and practice in our state if they are allowed to fully utilize the training that they have received. Keeping practitioners in our state will certainly improve the access and quality of healthcare in our state.

I thank you for your consideration of this important improvement to the delivery of quality healthcare in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Diana Easton, MPAS, PA-C

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