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I am a physician assistant student, at King's College in Pennsylvania, writing in response to the proposed change to the osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants to show my support. As a student, the new regulations will not affect me yet, but because I plan on practicing in Pennsylvania, they will affect me in the very near future.

Under the supervision of allopathic physicians, physician assistants have been safely prescribing for many years. This should be no different under the supervision of an osteopathic physician. Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to the physician assistant that works under them. This will increase the level of patient care in the osteopathic setting, by making the office more efficient.

To avoid confusion, the regulations should be worded the same for both allopathic and osteopathic physicians. This is a winning situation for everyone. Osteopathic physicians will be more likely to higher a PA if they prescriptive authority. This will reduce waiting times in offices, increase available appointment times, and allow the physician more time to focus on more complicated patients. Hospitals will be more likely to higher osteopathic physicians if they can supervise prescription writing physician assistants. This will increase the amount of available doctors in the hospital system.

Physician assistants are not asking to do more then our training allows, we are only asking to be able to work to the full extent of what we were trained to do and increase the quality of patient care. Physician assistants work with the physicians to ensure patient safety. The new regulations would make patient care easier and of a higher quality because we would be allowed to work with the same restrictions under the supervision of either type of physician.

Sincerely,

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