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Dear Dr. Fasano ,

I am writing in support of proposed changes to regulations regarding delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants (PAs) supervised by osteopathic physicians. I have employed a physician assistant for over 10 years and have found the working relationship to be extremely beneficial to the efficiency and productivity of my practice. While we have managed to work within the confines of the current regulations, the proposed changes would enhance our ability to efficiently treat our patients. Patients often have to wait to receive their prescriptions until I am available to sign them. This can unnecessarily delay their treatment and interfere with patient flow.

Additionally, our practice is a mixed practice with both osteopathic and allopathic physicians. We employ several PAs, which can create some confusion as to the approved privileges of each PA. As all PAs receive identical training in pharmacology, it seems reasonable that they should be permitted similar practice privileges, whether supervised by osteopathic or allopathic physicians.

Delegation of prescriptive authority will improve access to care for our patients, without any loss of quality of care. The prescribing pattern of my PA would be essentially mirror my own, given that we work as a team and I would have the decision making capacity regarding what medications are prescribed by the PA.

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Thank you for your consideration in approving these important and much-needed changes to the current regulations.

Sincerely,



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