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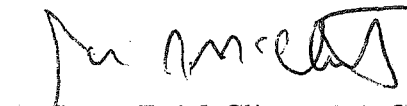
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am currently a practicing Physician Assistant in Philipsburg and Houtzdale, Pennsylvania. These are Family Practice clinics under Clearfield Hospital in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. I have been doing this the past couple years working independently most of the time under the supervision of a Medical Doctor. This area has been depleted with Physicians since the closure of the Philipsburg Area Hospital in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, so having the satellite locations has helped the area in the care of the local populations. I could not do this currently under a D.O. because of the prescription authorization. It makes everything very smooth having the prescription authority under the supervision of a Medical Doctor. The patient is what is important and this makes less waiting time for patients to receive their medications and is patient friendly.

Previously to becoming a Physician Assistant, I served in the US Navy for twenty years as a Hospital Corpsman and Corpsman were trained in the Navy under supervision to write prescriptions. This was done as long as I was in the Navy without any problems. I was aboard three different ships, two carriers and one frigate and had the authority to write prescriptions. I never encountered any issues or problems with this responsibility in my twenty years in the US Navy.

I feel in having the prescriptive authority with Osteopathic Physicians the same as Medical Physicians would enhance the overall care and welfare of patients in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,


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