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Charles P. Fasano, D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 INDEPENDENT REQULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano

I am writing you to express my support of physician assistants supervised by osteopathic physicians being granted prescribing privileges by the state of Pennsylvania. This would not only benefit physicians and physician assistants but most importantly their patients.

By allowing physician assistants to prescribe medications while being supervised by their supervising DO would allow PA's to practice to the full extent of their training. PA's receive the same training whether they work for a M.D. or a D.O. If a PA can prescribe for an M.D. they should also be allowed to prescribe for a D.O. This would make PA's more valuable to DOs and would create more job openings in the state of Pennsylvania. Therefore, there would be less well educated PA's leaving the state for better job opportunities elsewhere, increasing the quality of care here in our state. PA's could see more patients, meaning an increase in availability of appointments and a decrease in waiting time once in the office. This would also allow the physician to focus on more complex cases. The DO would be more valuable to practices that currently have MD colleagues who may supervise PA's that can prescribe and be more valuable to hospitals and patients if the PA's they employed were allowed to prescribe to help work flow and ultimately increase the quality of patient care.

I fully support physician assistants being granted privileges to prescribe medication in the state of Pennsylvania. I believe this would up grade the ability of health care professionals to work as team striving to do to increase the quality of care we give to the patients, who are our number one priority. I appreciate your time in considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lindsay M. Bosley