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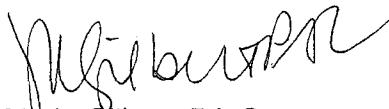
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

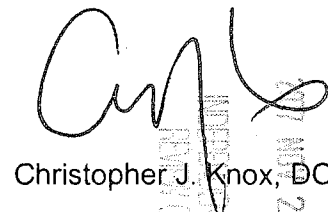
As an osteopathic physician and a physician assistant both trained in Pennsylvania, we are well aware of the current issues of proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistance under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. We are both here to tell you that it is extraordinarily important to us in our daily practice that PAs can write prescriptions, that the supervising physician need not be present to co-sign or authorize every individual prescription and that the regulation should be worded exactly the same as allopathic physicians as we have both an MD and a DO in our practice. We respectfully suggest to you that as this situation has functioned well here in NH for many years, as well as in many other states, that Pennsylvania would certainly benefit from adopting these new regulations. PAs have been safely prescribing under DOs and MDs for many years and certainly osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate as the MDs do. This is certainly important to us in our practice as we have both a DO and an MD supervising the PAs here. Our PAs do continue to work with physician supervision to ensure the safety and collegial care of our patients and certainly having the PAs in the practice increases the accessibility of patients to our practice. Of course, each physician, MD and DO alike, choose what they would like their PA to prescribe and in our practice some standard protocols have been setup that certainly are adhered to but are flexible enough to allow for the DO or MD to alter when needed.

Although, neither of us currently practices in Pennsylvania we are certainly still very interested in what happens there and it would be nice to know that should either of us need to return back to our home state to practice that there would not still exist such stringent restrictions on our day to day function as prescribing providers. Thank you for allowing us to express our opinion regarding this issue.

Sincerely,



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