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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Charles P. Fasano D.O:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. I am a PA-C currently working in the Emergency Medicine setting at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pa. I currently have both M.D and D.O supervising Physicians. I am sure that you are aware that PA's have been safely prescribing under allopathic physicians for years and support the proposal that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA-C's as their allopathic colleagues. I also would like to stress that the wording in this legislature be the same to avoid any confusion.

It is in my opinion that the current change in the family practice setting and the recent emergence of non-emergent care clinics to this area (Stat Care, Minute Clinic...etc) will enable more employment opportunities for D.O.'s to hire PA-C's to staff these satellite clinics. By removing the prescriptive barrier, D.O.'s may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority which will ultimately reduce wait times, increase availability and access to healthcare and enable supervising D.O's to focus on more complicated cases. I believe this will ultimately improving access to health care and re-direct non-emergent visits from the ER to more appropriate settings.

Thank you for your time and your consideration toward this change.

Sincerely,



Elliot Poole PA-C