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Dear Sir,

As a healthcare professional licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania it has come to my attention that a regulation was proposed which would grant prescriptive authority to Physician Assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians.

I am in complete support of the proposed regulations as Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years.

Hospitals and medical practices may be more likely to hire Doctor's of Osteopathic Medicine if they were able to supervise Physician Assistants with delegated prescriptive authority and therefore may be more likely to hire a Physician Assistant which would help medical practices run more efficiently. The individual physicians would decide whether their Physician Assistant would prescribe or not and for which medications.

In ending, I would suggest that the new regulations be similar, if not worded exactly, as the allopathic regulations in order to avoid any confusion in clinical practice as may occur with a multi-physician practice comprised of both allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

Respectfully,

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