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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649,
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Dear Charles P. Fasano, D.O.:

ENTACC has successfully employed Physician Assistants for over 4 years. Our practice has over 15,000 patients who are seen by our four physicians and two physician assistants. The physician assistants in our practice have become an essential part of the success of our busy Otolaryngology office. We safely prescribe medications everyday under the supervision of our allopathic physicians. Our medical model training is the same regardless of whether we will be supervised by a DO or an MD.

Physician Assistants should be able to prescribe medications under all physicians, regardless of whether they are osteopathic or allopathic physicians. To avoid any confusion, the regulations should be worded exactly the same.

These changes are necessary for many reasons. PAs will be able to practice medicine the way they were trained. More DOs could hire PAs and these PAs would be able to care for patients more efficiently. This will free up the DOs time to care for patients with more complicated problems. If the regulations were changed, DOs will also be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority. In addition, each DO has the ability to limit the drugs that he/she does not want prescribed by his PA.

I hope you will take the proposed regulations into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole A. Walstein P.A.-C