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Dear Dr. Fasano,

This letter regards the proposed regulations concerning prescriptive privileges of Physician Assistants (PAs) in Pennsylvania and osteopathic supervision. I believe that the laws governing the DO/PA supervising relationship need to reflect parity with the allopathic laws, (MD/PA), already in effect regarding the ability of the PA to write his/her own scrips without countersignature.

In a state with an extremely high rate of emigration of practitioners educated here, we need to update our standards to maintain those we still have here and encourage recruitment of others. Pennsylvania has a very large elderly population whose needs for medical treatment will only continue to increase and without this change in the law, will threaten to overwhelm the present system. This change will allow greater access to medical attention at no detriment as a PA already possesses prescriptive privileges when supervised by an MD.

Sincerely,



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