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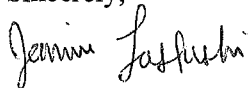
Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a Physician Assistant Student learning to become a competent health care provider and considering my future opportunities in the profession, it is profoundly important to treat patients utilizing all of my abilities and knowledge. This includes the ability to prescribe medications to appropriately treat patients. Physician Assistant prescription writing has been safely occurring under the supervision of allopathic physicians for many years. The ability for a PA to write prescriptions under physician supervision ensures patient safety and access to health care. Physician assistants practicing under osteopathic physicians should share this ability to write prescriptions to improve access to care and to practice to the full extent of their training. In addition, a DO will be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescription writing authority which can in turn remove barriers to care due to reduced waiting times and increased availability of appointment allowing physicians to focus on more complicated cases.

For these reasons, I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. The prescribing regulations should be worded exactly as they are for allopathic regulations to avoid any potential confusion in clinical practice. As a PA student looking forward to and planning for my opportunities as a clinician, having these regulations in place for osteopathic prescribing privileges will improve patient care.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,



Janine Laskoski, PA-Student

CC: Basil L Merenda, Governor Edward G. Rendell

