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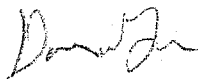
Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Mr. Fasano,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed change in regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. This is a sorely needed change, and I wish to express my approval for it. I would stress that the wording should be exactly the same as that presently in use for allopathic physicians. The arrangement under which allopathic physicians have supervised physician assistants for many years has a track record of safety and proven patient care. Osteopathic physicians should have the ability to delegate prescriptive authority to the physician assistants similar to M.D.'s. This could actually improve care, as they are presently many physician assistants working with or supervised by osteopathic physicians, and expanding this relationship can only help to improve patient care. This is especially important given our present shortage of available practitioners.

Based on the above, I again wish to reiterate my support to the proposed change in regulations.

Sincerely,



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