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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am currently an Osteopathic physician in Occupational Medicine and am writing you in regards to the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I have provided you with a list of reasons that this new proposal has drawn my support and am confident that you will agree with many of the following points:

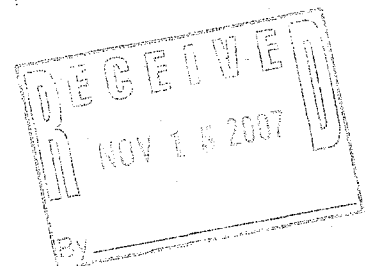
- Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their MD colleagues.
- The individual Osteopathic physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe.
- PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years.
- PAs work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety.
- Access to care will be improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by Osteopathic physicians will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.
- Osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care due to reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointments, allow the physician time to focus on more complicated cases.
- Hospitals/practices may be more likely to hire Osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority.

Thank you for taking the time to review these points and your support would be of great value in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Governor Edward G. Rendell  
Cc: Commissioner Basil L. Merenda



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