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Dear Basil Merenda,

The proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians are a step in a good direction. It is what is best for the patients and shall benefit osteopathic physicians, allowing them to see more patients, help more people, which is what medicine is about. Physician Assistants have been working under allopathic prescribing regulations for years, and osteopathic physicians would find physician assistants to be more helpful. If the osteopathic physicians are allowed to supervise the physician assistant, there would be more job opportunities for both the physician assistant and osteopathic physicians. These regulations will allow more patients to be seen, which in turn will help more people medically. Physician Assistant's will work under the supervision of osteopathic physicians, ensuring the safety of the patient. If the physician assistant's are not allowed to prescribe under the osteopathic physicians, then seeing a patient for anything other than routine, well visits is pointless, because the osteopathic physician will have to assess the patient themselves. It is the physician's decision if the physician assistant may prescribe or not, so, with either osteopathic or allopathic physicians, the final decision is the physician's.

Physician Assistant's are a good addition to the medical field and have been helping physicians prescribe medications and manage patients for a very long time. The regulations should remain the same as for allopathic regulations, to keep confusion at a minimum. Osteopathic physician's should have the same ability and authority as allopathic physician's when it comes to delegating prescriptive authority. The work the physician assistant's do is very helpful to physician's, yet because of the limited regulations under osteopathic physicians, they are not able to serve to their full potential and training.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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