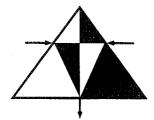
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Charles Fasano, DO Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine Post Office Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am a Physician Assistant currently practicing in a multispecialty neurological practice. Our practice is made up of both MDs and DOs. I would hope that serious consideration would be given to the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of an osteopathic physician.

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I have been prescribing under the allopathic regulations for many years; this has been extremely beneficial to our patients. We have found it cumbersome when I am practicing on particular days under the osteopathic physicians due to my inability to prescribe under their supervision.

I would propose that the osteopathic prescribing regulations would be the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. The access to care would certainly be improved as I would be able to practice to the full extent of my training under both the osteopathic as well as the allopathic physicians that I work with.

It would also reduce any confusion when prescribing based on the patients that I see and their primary physician in this office based on whether they are allopathic or osteopathic.

For more obvious reasons this ability to prescribe under osteopathic physicians will reduce waiting times; increase availability of appointments and allow the physicians more time to focus on more complicated cases.

Certainly these prescriptive privileges would continue as they have been under the allopathic physician under their supervision. The regulations under the allopathic physicians have been executed safely and to the benefit of both the patients as well as the clinical setting. Dr. Fasano Page Two

Again your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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