3057 Cardin Place Eagleville, PA 19403-1448 November 5, 2007

Charles P. Fasano, D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano;

I'm pleased to see that the Osteopathic Board of Medicine is reviewing proposed regulations providing prescriptive privileges for Physician Assistants under the supervision of an Osteopathic attending physician.

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I fully support these regulations as they are written.

These proposed regulations are similar to the regulations approved by the allopathic Medical Board. Since the responsibilities of a PA are unchanged whether the supervising physician is an MD or DO, it makes very good sense to keep the rules entirely similar to avoid confusion.

With the new rules, the Osteopathic physician in Pennsylvania will have the same responsibility as an MD counterpart to decide if her PA will have the added responsibility of prescription writing. The attending DO can create her own approved drug list for her supervised PA staff. This will add value and convenience to every DO practice both big and small in the state of Pennsylvania.

I look forward to a rapid decision from the Board authorizing PA prescription writing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Valincius, PA-C Abington Emergency Physician Associates



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