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Dr. Fasano:

As a PA who works with many osteopathic physicians at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, I would like to encourage support for the changes in the osteopathic regulations concerning physician assistants.

The proposed regulations mirror the allopathic regulations that are in place and will prevent confusion regarding the prescriptive regulations between osteopathic and allopathic regulations.

Pennsylvania PAs have been safely prescribing for years.

Osteopathic physicians should have the same ability as their allopathic colleagues regarding delegation of prescriptive authority to their PAs.

Osteopathic physicians will be able to choose to give or not give prescriptive authority to their individual PAs under the proposed changes.

Osteopathic physicians will be more likely to hire a PA when PAs have 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 are more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

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