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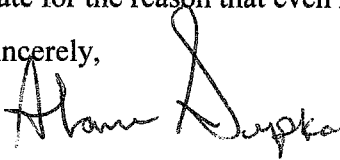
Dear Dr. Fassano,

For well over a decade, Physician Assistants have been prescribing medication under the supervision of a medical doctor. There are about 60,000 practicing PA's in the United States alone. They have all graduated from an accredited program and passed there boards, shouldn't that fact alone denote that they are all worthy of prescribing medicine whether its under a MD or a DO. By regulating the scope of practice for a PA to under the direction of a general practitioner we help to ensue the safety and well-being of the patient. Meaning if both MD's and DO's have graduated with a medical degree and have the ability to prescribe medicine then why it wouldn't it be acceptable for either one to be the supervising physician for a PA.

When evaluating this issue I read into both the law and the licensing board's rules and regulations for PA's. I found it virtually ideal for DO's to have the same authority to delegate the prescribing of medicine of a PA in there practice as a MD does. I believe that the decree of a DO ought to be worded the exact same way as a MD as to remove any misunderstandings while in practice. This would help DO's perform to the fullest of there capabilities letting them concentrate on more significant and bigger problems.

This will subsequently decrease waiting periods in the office and increase availability for appointments. As a student I believe this will bring about more PA's want to stay in the state for the reason that even more jobs will be obtainable here.

Sincerely,



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