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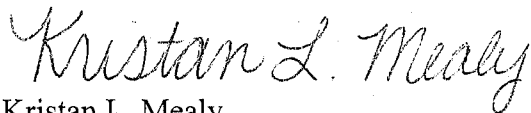
Dear Charles P. Fasano, D.O:

Osteopathic physicians should be allowed to delegate prescriptions to the physician assistants that work with them in their practice. Allopathic physicians are currently allowed to delegate prescriptions to the physician assistants that work with them. Physician assistants receive the same training and should be granted prescriptive authority when working with allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

A physician assistant will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. If prescriptive authority is granted, it will greatly improve the care of the patients by allowing the physician to have more time to focus on the more complex cases. This could also decrease waiting times and increase the availability of appointments. Each physician could decide whether or not the physician assistant working in their practice should prescribe.

Since physician assistants have been safely prescribing for many years when working with physicians of allopathic medicine, they should be granted prescriptive authority when working with a osteopathic physician.

Sincerely,



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