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Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you on behalf of the proposed regulations regarding prescriptive authority for physician assistants who are under osteopathic physicians.

I am highly in favor of the proposed changes. Physician Assistants who currently practice under allopathic regulations have had far more privileges for years. Recently, the legislation has been updated for them to match the way they have practiced. The current osteopathic limitations have negatively impacted patient care. I believe that PA's should be given the same rules to follow regardless of whether they practice under an M.D. or a D.O.

Remember that even though the legislation allows prescriptive authority to PA's, the individual physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe.

Thank you for you consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gotwals, Pa-C