

Dear Mr. Charles P. Fasano,

I am writing this letter in regard to the proposed regulations for the delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. As a physician assistant student and a life long resident of Pennsylvania, I don't know that I could continue to live here with the regulations the way they are now. PAs have been safely prescribing medications for their patients under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years and I feel that the osteopathic regulations should be worded exactly the same as those of the allopathic regulations. This would allow osteopathic physicians the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority as their allopathic colleagues.

PAs work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety as well as excellent health care, and since osteopathic physicians may be less likely to hire a PA if they can't prescribe medications under their supervision, patient care and safety may become compromised. Hospitals may also be more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority, again allowing for better patient safety and health care. Ultimately, I am supporting these revisions because the individually physician, whether it be allopathic or osteopathic, should decide whether or not the PA they are supervising will be able to prescribe.

Thank You,
Gina Rozaieski

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