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Dear Dr. Fasano

It is with interest in the proposed regulations regarding the delegated prescription authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians that I write to you. As Pennsylvania is currently the only state prohibiting such practice I feel it is only necessary that the time has come to correct this oversight.

For many years now physician assistants, in the Commonwealth, have been acting in the capacity of dependant practitioners to supervising allopathic physicians with prescription authority. This skill has safely decreased the workload of physicians while maintaining the standards of medical practice set forth by state and federal regulations.

Ideally the approval of amended osteopathic regulations that would align with their allopathic counterparts would facilitate an increase in patient care. For example, waiting times and appointment availability for patients would be decreased, the physician assistant's scope of treatment would increase, and physicians would now have greater time to focus on more complicated medical issues.

As a student, whose future is close at hand, I would be greatly relieved knowing that there is a broader spectrum of practice awaiting me as I graduate.

Respectfully,



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