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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in regard to the proposed regulations for physician assistants supervised by osteopathic physicians. As a physician assistant who is supervised by three allopathic physicians I have prescriptive rights. My supervising physicians find my clinical, diagnostic, and prescriptive abilities necessary for effective patient care. I am able to make sound decisions and be a resource to patients in need of medications.

I work closely with my supervising physicians when I have questions or need guidance regarding patient care. I have the responsibility as a physician assistant to address any concerns I have with my supervising physicians. As a physician assistant I have been trained in school and in the workforce to diagnose and treat patients. If I am able to diagnose patients I should also have the capability to prescribe medications and effectively treat my patients whether working for an allopathic or osteopathic physician.

I strongly encourage the osteopathic board to consider and approve the new regulations so patients in Pennsylvania can receive effective health care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lara J. Nakao, PA-C

CC: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs
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