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

This letter is being written to support the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians.

Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. Physician assistants who are currently supervised by osteopathic physicians will be able to practice to the fullest extent of their training. Surgical osteopathic physicians need to hire surgical physician assistants in order to give optimal safe care to their patients, thus allowing the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. Hospitals will be more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if the DO is able to supervise the physician assistants with delegated prescriptive authority.

Our son-in-law is an osteopathic physician, fellowship trained in trauma and critical care surgery; and our daughter is a surgical physician assistant who works with cardiac surgeons. A few years ago, one of the cardiac surgeons was a DO. It is our understanding that both practices are limited by the current regulations.

It is extremely important that the wording for these regulations be exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. The individual physician will decide which drugs and whether his/her physician assistant will or will not prescribe.

Sincerely,



Donald and Terry Strockoz

cc: Basil L. Merenda  
Commissioner, Bureau of Professional/Occupational Affairs

Governor Edward G. Rendell

