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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

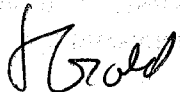
As an osteopathic physician in the state of Pennsylvania who employs a physician's assistant, I find it necessary that a physician assistant may request, receive and sign for professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients. I am a rural family doctor. My physician assistant is my colleague. We have a great deal of trust between us. I review her records on a daily basis.

With regard to schedule to narcotics, I have no objection to having a physician assistant write for scripts for narcotics for up to 72 hours. Furthermore, I have no issues with a physician assistant writing prescriptions for schedule II controlled substance for up to 30 days so long as the patient was examined and the need for narcotics was documented on the chart. Bearing in mind that all charts are reviewed by me and that I am always in communication with my physician assistant, it would only make it easier to practice medicine in rural Pennsylvania if this were allowed to go through.

I encourage you to support the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine in supporting physician's assistants prescription privileges in the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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