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Re: State Board of Medicine
Nurse Midwife Prescriptive Authority

Dear Ms. Howell,

As licensed prescribers in the state of Pennsylvania and Advance Practice Nurses, the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (Coalition) would like to take the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations that would affect our certified nurse midwife (CNM) colleagues. From a professional standpoint, the passing of Act 50 by Governor Rendell was another excellent measure to improve access to care for women and children in our state. Our nurse midwife colleagues have excellent records of safety and effectively providing holistic care to women of childbearing age, often times being the only available provider in underserved areas to safely care for and bring a women's pregnancy to full term.

The Coalition would like to support the requests of the CNMs in keeping regulations consistent with the statute. We are confident that the addition of CNMs as prescribing healthcare providers in Pennsylvania will benefit women, children and the general public.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our opinion to you. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding our comments, please contact either Susan Schrand, Executive Director at (215) 512-0011 or Patricia Schwabenbauer, President at (814) 397-6710.

Sincerely,

Pat Schwabenbauer /ss

Patricia Schwabenbauer, MSN, CRNP
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