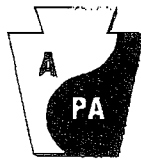


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Dear Gerald Smith,

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I am writing in regard to the proposed regulations 16A-4924. We'd like to again acknowledge the State Board of Medicine for allowing us to participate in the regulatory process. We realize the Board's openness and generosity. Thank you.

The Association of Professional Acupuncture is very satisfied with the proposed regulations, especially compared to the former regulations. We feel they embody the main concept of the statute; maximizing both patient choice, as well as patient safety. Requiring a condition to be diagnosed within 60 days of treatment, only if it has not been diagnosed before the start of treatment, allows a few things. The patients have more choices for themselves to pursue courses of treatment they feel best aid in their healing. Additionally, they do not have to pester their physician for a signature to try something with a proven safety and efficacy record. Patient safety is ensured, in that if 60 days pass on a previously undiagnosed condition, further treatment is contingent upon procuring a diagnosis from their physician. Finally, requiring a diagnosis, and not a referral or general supervision, allows the physician in the process to be less liable, which has been a major concern for some physicians in the past.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Mavros, L.O.M.

President of the APA

cc:

Marlene Tremmel, Senator Rhoades, Fran Cleaver

