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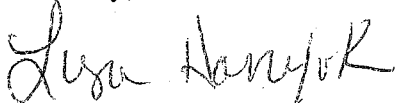
Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I have been working in the medical profession for 9 years. I have worked for many different types of practitioners (MD, PA, CRNP) and have seen all aspects of the rules and regulations of each type. I have currently been working for a CRNP for almost a year. I have seen firsthand some of the limitations that are imposed on him as far as prescriptive authority and home health referrals. The Nurse Practitioner I work for runs an Urgent Care Center and he is sometimes limited to the care he can provide due to the prescriptive authority imposed. For instance, if a patient comes in after being in a motor vehicle accident or work injury, he is limited to the types of medications he can prescribe for them. This hurts his practice and the profession of Nurse Practitioners and how the community views them.

Another area that needs to change for Nurse Practitioners is the authority to refer to Home Health. Our clinic treats patients that have chronic problems such as diabetes, HTN, and the complications that are associated with them, as well as acute problems. If the Nurse Practitioner were able to refer patients for home health care, it would cut down on the number of appointments patients have to leave their home for, i.e. physical therapy, disease teaching, wound care, occupational therapy; and our patients would be happier with the care they can receive from the comfort of their home.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



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