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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

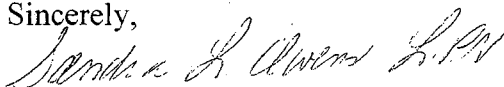
I have worked with a nurse practitioner for over 5 years and see the limits on prescriptions as a major issue. I currently work at an urgent care center with a NP who owns and operated his own practice. Patients have told me they would rather see him than the doctor in the previous practice I worked. He spends more time with them and would really listen and help them. They were satisfied with their treatment and their conditions improved.

Currently we have a patient with ADHD, and our NP is unable to order his medications. We also see patients who have no insurance with chronic back pain. They don't have the money for physical therapy and pain management won't see them without insurance. They need pain medication until they get insurance to further their treatments. We also see elderly patients who can't get in with their family doctor and need referrals to home nursing agencies and/or hospice.

I would like to see the prescriptive limits lifted for CRNP and allow them to do home nursing/hospice referrals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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