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To Whom It May Concern:

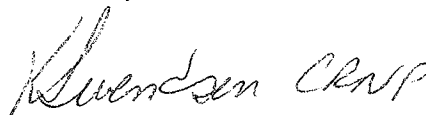
Regarding the collaborative agreement for prescriptive authority; it is required to have 2 physicians on the agreement for each practice site held by a NP. What happens in the case of single MD practice with NP support? The NP and MD are disadvantaged with not being able to have the NP obtain prescriptive authority? I believe as a NP, whether I have one or 10 MD's on my collaborating agreement, my prescribing privilege should be based on my education and prescribing history. As a NP, my goal is to provide the best service and care to my patients. This restriction would hinder that goal.

The proposed changes of Schedule II, III, and IV drugs are much needed. It is very difficult to provide the correct narcotic to my pt's if I can only provide 72 hours worth. I work with surgical oncology in a hospital setting. The pt's are post surgical and going home to recover with needed narcotic coverage. Currently, I can only cover them for 3 days. Surgical pain lasts much longer than 3 days! At this time, the pt is either inconvenienced by having to come to the office every 3rd day for another script, getting a lesser pain medication that can be written for 30 days, or the MD is having to provide scripts to all pt's being discharged or calling into the office for refill. All 3 scenarios are not a proper utilization of me, the NP, trying to provide swift and complete care to my pt's. The pt's getting scripts every few days are also spending more money for co-pays and office visits. Another problem that I have encountered is pt's that are not given proper narcotic end up seeking medical attention at the local ER for pain control. This is costly on our health care system and can be bypassed by enabling the NP to provide the correct amount of medication for home use.

The schedule III and IV changing from 30 days to 90 days is helpful for my pt's to be able to participate in their insurance pharmacy plan and save money on their medications.

I am excited that the SBON is proposing these much needed changes. I urge you to proceed forward with the noted changes in order for all NP's to be able to practice much more efficiently.

Sincerely,



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