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REVIEW COMMISSION

November 11, 2008
Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
Penn State Board of Nursing
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am a Family Nurse Practitioner, who works full time at a very busy family practice in West Grove, Pa. I support the proposed changes to the CRNP regulations that enable us to prescribe 30 day schedule 3 and 90 day schedule 3-5.. My patients, my staff ,and my collaborating physicians are inconvenienced by the current statue..

I manage several children and adult with ADHD, anxiety and acute pain. I practice safe and judicious use of scheduled substance. These are my patients that I know well, that I see several times a year. Requiring an MD counter signature to prescriptions that I originate and am ultimately responsible for are a waste of their precious time, my patients time and is disconcerting for our staff. This is an unnecessary barrier to access to care, adds yet another layer of complexity to our overburdened system. Please reform these regulations, so they reflect today's true practice realities.

Thank You


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