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Re: 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

When I graduated from Drexel University in 1999 as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, I was very motivated to begin to work with the underserved populations in the area who did not have adequate access and/or resources for treatment by psychiatrists. Although I truly enjoy working with this population, I have become more and more frustrated with my inability to provide optimal services because of the obstacles inherent in the current CRNP regulations. For instance, it is well documented that the underserved community has a very high rate of Attention Deficit Disorder and when I encounter these patients, I am unable to provide medications (Schedule II) to properly treat them since I am currently limited to a 72-hour prescription. Revising the regulations will allow me to adequately care for this population.

I am in full favor of the regulations revisions since they will help me better serve my patients. Nurse practitioners in other states are granted even more practice authority and it has been demonstrated that patients in those states receive excellent, safe and expeditious care – at least equal to the care provided by licensed physicians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments regarding these revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Lofman".

William J. Lofman, PhD, MSN, CRNP