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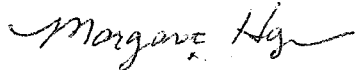
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Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing to respond to 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions. I am a Nurse Practitioner in an Occupational Medicine practice seeing patients with both acute and chronic pain, predominately acute pain. There are instances where I see patients with traumatic injuries and would appreciate the ability to prescribe a Schedule II drug for more than 72 hours in my practice setting. I have seen patients going to the Emergency Department for pain relief which is not an appropriate utilization of healthcare resources. This also is very inconvenient for the patient and is one of the causes of slow access to care in emergency departments.

I strongly support CRNP General Revisions 16A-5124.

Thank you,



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