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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
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Dear Ms Steffanic;

I am a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner practicing in South Central Pennsylvania. The passage of proposed changes in 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions is critically important to my practice.

The artificial ratio of 4:1 of NP to physician does not account for part-time NPs rural practice nor the shortage of psychiatric clinicians. The prescriptive limitations add expense to the providers and the consumers. Providers have more paperwork; work with limitations of physician presence that do not add to the quality of care. The consumers have the burden more frequent visits to an NP adding expense in co-payments and transportation. Medicaid, Medicare and other health insurance organizations have higher expenses with an NP because of the more frequent visits required by the present prescriptive limitations.

I support the proposed changes in 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions and consider these changes as vitally important to the health of our community.

Please contact me if I may personally assist with this effort.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Newcomer (CRNP)

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