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Subject: 16A-5124: CRNP General Revisions

Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
State Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing to you to urge you and the state board of nursing to pass the CRNP general revisions 16A-5124. By doing so you will directly affect and improve the quality of care I can provide as well as my CRNP colleagues.

My primary practice is with adolescents. I cannot provide high quality care to those who suffer with ADD/ADHD because I cannot prescribe the appropriate supply of medication they need. I have to schedule them with a psychiatrist, family physician, or pediatrician in order for them to get the care they deserve. It can sometimes take weeks to months to get these extra appointments and until that time my patients go without medication. During this time they may suffer academically, socially, and behaviorally.

As for the safety of my patients I am wholly concerned for them and take their safety into consideration with regard to all treatment plans I prescribe. Additionally I feel strongly that my patient's safety is more at risk by making them wait for medication they need. Without access to care and medication they may begin a downward spiral academically, socially or behaviorally that they cannot overcome.

My patients count on me to take very good care of them. If these regulations are not approved I cannot provide the high quality, safe, care that they have come to know.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my view with you and sincerely hope that you and the board will approve these regulations.

Sincerely,

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