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To whom it may concern,

I am a nurse practitioner in North East Pennsylvania. I have been working in a rural family practice that has served the community for almost 30 years. The office is located 25 miles from the closest health care facility and is staffed by myself, the DO who started the practice two nursing assistants, phlebotomist, and office support staff. In a typical day we see 45-50 patients as well as patients who come in for blood work, immunizations, and walk in urgent care visits.

I feel very fortunate to work with a physician who truly treats me as a healthcare provider and respects my input and evaluations; however, I believe that current regulations hinder my ability to care for our clients.

Currently I am unable to write prescriptions for more than 72 hour on schedule ii medication. We have many patients who are on medication for ADHD as well as farmers and laborers on medication for chronic pain. When I am alone in the office, covering for vacations, I am required to have the patient return every 3 days for medication. Some of our patients drive 15-20 miles to get to the office and find it a hardship as well as costly to leave their properties for that period of time.

Another problem is being unable to write for a 90- day supply of Schedule iii and iv medications for my patients who would like to utilize mail in prescription plans. I have actually had patients upset that my name is not listed as the prescriber on their medicine bottles when I have had to have the physician sign for these mail order medications. It also seems unnecessary to have 2 collaborating physicians for prescriptive authority. As ANP's we have an individual list of approved medication categories to prescribe, I have never in 10 years had a reason to contact the second physician related to prescribing or for that matter related to patient care.

Thank you,



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