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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

As a nurse practitioner working in our local Emergency Room I feel that the new CRNP proposed regulations will improve patient care. For example, at the present time if I see a patient with a fracture on a Friday evening and they cannot get in to see the orthopedic specialist until Tuesday, under current regulations they will not have enough pain medication to last until their appointment, causing them undue pain. They will probably have another prescription written when they see the specialist and will thus incur another co-pay. As co-pays are increasing this can cause a financial burden for the patient. I also work in a private office. Under the current regulations which allow us to write for schedule III and IV medications for only 30 days, the patient has to pay 3 co-pays instead of one if we could write for a 90 day supply. Again, this is a financial hardship for many patients and puts an added burden on the patient since it may incur additional office visits. This may also cause them to lose additional time from work. The local pharmacies also bear the added burden of filling more prescriptions than would be otherwise necessary. I believe that the new regulations allow us to provide better and more cost effective care for our patients.

Sincerely,



Paulette Schreiber