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Ann Steffanic  
Board Administrator  
PA State Board of Nursing

Ms. Steffanic I am writing you concerning 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions. I am a Board Certified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and work in a very diversified Community Mental Health Center in Sellersville PA. The proposed revisions for the Schedule 11, 111, and IV Prescriptions would greatly enhance my ability to practice and treat my clients. Currently I am only allowed to write for a prescription for three days for the Schedule 11 Drugs. This presents a hardship on my clients and their parents. It costs them more money as they have to pay for more co-pays in a 30 day period, and they have to take time out of their day to come to my office to pick up the prescription. Some parents miss work because of these medication issues with their children. The schools do not want the child unless regulated on their medications. I am also only allowed to write for a 30 day supply of the Schedule 111 and IV drugs. If I am able to write for refills and/or a 90 day supply my ability to treat clients will be increased. The passing of these revisions will allow Nurse Practitioners like me to provide better health care to those that we serve. Many states already allow this and the clients treated benefit from it. There are many Nurse Practitioners who provide care at nurse managed centers and free-standing clinics. The current regulations on collaboration make it difficult for these clinicians to provide the needed care to their clients. Nurse Practitioners are an important asset in today's health care. It is imperative that we be utilized effectively.

Thank you,

  
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