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Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing ATTN: Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator PO Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

REF # 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask that the proposed revisions to the CRNP regulations be allowed to stand as written. I currently work with a CRNP who sees many of our office's chronically ill patients. The current regulations that limit the prescription of schedule II drugs to a 72 hr limit is often a hardship on our patients if I am not available to sign their scripts for a monthly supply. Likewise the prescription limits of 30 days on other scheduled meds makes my nurse practitioner unable to fill prescriptions that are filled by the mail order pharmacies so many of your patient's use.

These regulations will improve access to health care for the patients in our practice and are greatly needed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Collier Nix, MD

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