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Ann Steffanic  
Board administrator  
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Ref: **16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions**

Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am writing in support of the proposed changes for NP practice in PA. Allowing for those changes makes it possible for patients to have greater access to expert healthcare and also allows for expanded NP practice.

In over 20 years of practice I can assure you that the new proposed changes are very reasonable and comparable to many states where NP's practice. My patients will enjoy fewer barriers to NP practice as they often feel my care is what they are looking for in a primary provider.

In general NP providers order and perform less expensive testing and medications and have less hospitalizations in the frail elderly group which I serve. My patients also appreciate the extra time and attention I devote to every encounter. I often call families for my elderly patients upon their request and the families feel included in the healthcare process.

Please do whatever you can to enact these changes and expand access to care by NP providers.

Sincerely,



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