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November 20, 2008

Attn: Ann Steffanic
Board Administrator
State Board of Nursing
PO Box 2649
Harrisburg, Pa 17105-2649

Re: 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

Ms. Steffanic:

I am the Nurse Practitioner at Messiah College with a student population of 2,900. I am fulltime in the clinic and work in collaboration with a physician who has a clinic presence of four hours a week. This year my collaborative agreement was in danger because we only had one physician available to sign the agreement versus the two required by state law. Most of the physicians were willing to sign the collaborative agreement but wanted financial compensation just to be on the document without a clinic presence, which was something that our budget could not support. Without a Nurse Practitioner the services of the health center would be significantly limited for our 2,900 students.

Secondly, many of our students are from other states and their insurance coverage will not allow for them to see a local provider, without the services of a Nurse Practitioner there would no doubt be over-utilization of the emergency room for care.

Finally, the limitation of a Nurse Practitioner's ability to prescribe schedule II drugs to 72 hours makes the management of ADHD cumbersome to our students and interferes with their ability to study and learn during their college experience.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes, understanding how it will affect the patients served by Nurse Practitioners.

Sincerely,


Teresa S. Diez MSN CRNP

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