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Ann Steffanic
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Date: 11/17/08

Dear Ann Steffanic:

I am writing to you in support of Nurse Practitioner proposed revisions No. 16A-5124CRNP. I am a current patient of Scarlet Lichtenwalner, MSN, CRNP. She is my primary practitioner at Pain Specialists of Greater Lehigh Valley.

I have always received excellent care from Ms. Lichtenwalner. She practices in a professional, expert manner. Additionally, she always strives to provide cost-effective healthcare. In allowing Nurse Practitioners to prescribe schedule II drugs, my time spent waiting during a visit would be less. I would not need to wait for the physician to sign the prescription.

I fully support the passage of the proposed Nurse Practitioner revisions. This would further allow Nurse Practitioners to practice to their full scope of training and education.

Furthermore, I believe that our healthcare environment as a whole would benefit from these proposed changes. It is my experience that Nurse Practitioners provide excellent care in a cost effective manner.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adela Balogh

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