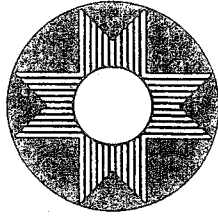


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Ms. Ann Steffanie  
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Nov 25, 2008

Dear Ms. Steffanie,

I am one of two staff nurses at a rural PCP office. Since we are located approx 20-25 miles from the nearest hospital, our full time nurse practitioner and part time family practice PCP, are busy seeing a range of patients from 5yrs old to 90's. They rely on the practitioner's and the physician's expertise for many and varying symptoms and illnesses, both acute and chronic.

Both doctor and nurse practitioner work well together, and when our doctor is not in the office, the nurse practitioner has another physician as a back-up collaborator.

The problem is, that the nurse practitioner is unable write or renew a scheduled medication, and there are times when our PCP is off and the back-up collaborator is 20-25 miles away. Pt's are very happy with the care from this office and are unhappy with the inconvenience of having to travel to pick up the script.

We are very blessed to have these dedicated professionals in the office. Please consider changing the regulations.

Respectfully, Anne Logan RN