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Dear Ms. Steffanic:

This letter is being written regarding the proposed changes in the regulations for the certified registered nurse practitioner. The proposed changes in prescribing schedule II medications would be more cost effective for the patient and for the hospital as well. This would eliminate unnecessary trips to the hospital saving the consumer money and enabling the practitioner to perform more significant responsibilities. This medication already requires monthly renewals so the patient would be monitored monthly.

Regarding the prescribing of schedule III and schedule. IV medications - the CRNP already is able to provide a month supply of these medications. Many patients have a prescription plan through their insurance that allows a 90 day supply of medication. Therefore this change would also be more cost effective for the consumer as well as for the insurance companies. It would also allow the CRNP more time for patients who are more critical.

Sincerely,

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