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Dear Ms. Steffznic,

I am a Medical Office Assistant that works with a well trained and experienced Nurse Practitioner. When doctors are called to the hospital or off. it is the nurse practitioner that I go to for questions that need answered or prescriptions that need to be written. Because of current regulations, our nurse practitioner can only write for a certain quantity of Schedule II and Schedule III drugs. This means more out of pocket expenses for patients. Most of our patients use mail order pharmacies, and can get 90 day supplies of medications. When a doctor is not available, these patients have to get less medication and have to pay more. This puts a strain on patients' financial situation and also makes them worried, frustrated, and angry.

I am requesting that these new CRNP regulations be approved to increase continuity of care for all patients.

Sincerely,

Kali Reynolds
Medical Office Assistant