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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a physician who works in an Internal Medicine practice in Abington, Pennsylvania.

I work with an experienced nurse practitioner who is highly trained and provides high quality care to our patients.

She has been a CRNP for 10 years and has been prescribing scheduled drugs for many years. I have every confidence in her judicious use when prescribing scheduled drugs.

She has her own patient load as well as covering for my two colleagues and me. When she needs Schedule II, III and IV drugs written for longer than the current regulations allow, she interrupts and hold up the daily schedule. This not only slows us down but also causes double work for both of us. It impedes care to our patients and decreases access to medical care.

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

Thank You,



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