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Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing  
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RE: CRNP Proposed Rulemaking

I am writing in support of the proposed new regulation that will extend the ability of nurse practitioners to prescribe Schedule II medications from 72 hour supply to 30 day prescriptions. The current restriction on only allowing 3 days of medication for Schedule II drugs is an inconvenience to me. I am disabled as the result of an auto accident. I suffer from chronic pain and need to take Morphine three times a day to control the pain. As it stands now, my nurse practitioner has to get her back-up physician to sign prescriptions for my chronic pain medication. If that doctor is not in the office, I have to wait longer to get my medication filled. The current regulations do not serve the public well.

I feel strongly that nurse practitioners should be able to prescribe enough medication to treat my pain. This change is long over due and will assist nurse practitioners in able to provide cost effective, patient focused quality care.

Sincerely,