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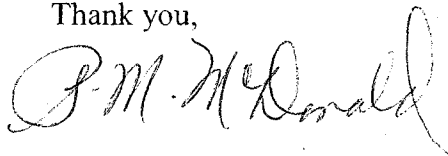
Dear Sir or Madam,

I work in a busy Internal Medicine practice in Abington, Pennsylvania. I work with an experienced nurse practitioner that is highly trained and provides high quality care to our patients.

She has been a CRNP for 10 years and has been in prescribing scheduled drugs for many years. She has her own patient load as well covers for three physicians. I have many patients who need refills on their pain meds, anti- anxiety meds and sleeping pills. The nurse practitioner cannot write for Schedule II, III and IV drugs longer than the current regulations allow. We have to wait for the physician to write the prescriptions. The patient had to wait longer to get their much needed prescriptions, which causes great hardship to them. This holds up my workload so that I cannot take care of other important patient matters. This not only slows us down but also causes double work for the office. It impedes care to our patients and decreased access to 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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