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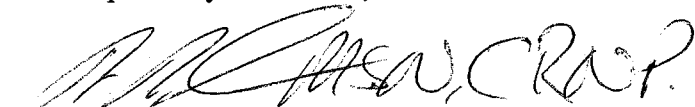
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I am responding to a letter from the Pa. Coalition of Nurse Practitioners concerning recent long awaited proposed changes in the CRNP regulations. As a Pa. CRNP, I work with pain management physicians and I have practice limitations with the current prescribing guidelines. Physician assistants have greater prominence because they can prescribe schedule II medications for thirty days. I have recently seen several hospital positions for pain management where physician groups were looking for PA's instead of CRNP's for these reasons.

I also work in primary care where the current regulations limit my patient/collaborative practice to growing patient populations. I cannot manage ADHD patients along with several types of chronic pain patients. In primary care, the limited pain management prescribing protocols hampers my access to seniors; which is one of the largest and growing patient populations. The new regulations would have a dramatic improvement on my scope practice, the amount of patients I can manage and my overall access to growing populations. I sincerely hope the new regulations become law so I can have the necessary prescribing guidelines.

Respectfully Submitted,



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