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I am writing in support of new regulations expanding the practice of nurse practitioners in Pennsylvania.

I am a patient that has been treated by a nurse practitioner (CRNP) at [redacted] in Philadelphia. The CRNP has provided competent and professional care at a time that was needed. The availability of the CRNP to diagnose and treat me prevented delaying my care and/or needing emergency room services.

Nurse practitioners are a cost effective way to improve access to high quality health care. Their ability to care for patients is of tremendous importance in the current health care crisis in our country and our state.

I would like to see CRNPs utilized to their full potential in Pennsylvania as they are in most states throughout the country.

Comments: I WAS NOT able to see my primary care provider due to scheduling. sometimes when you need a urgent/acute visit your P&P may be booked and it helps when you can get the necessary care without going to sit in the ER or put off being seen. The nurse practitioners can help by filling in and cut down on unnecessary trips to wait long in the ER - or getting worse because there is no availability of Dr's but is full. I was treated and I feel much better due to the service by the nurse practitioners able to provide good adequate service.

Signature [redacted] Date 11/25/08