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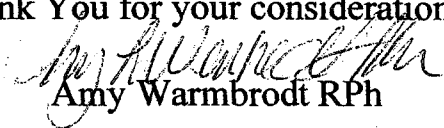
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I am writing to you in reference to 16A-5124: CRNP General Revisions. I am a registered pharmacist in Pennsylvania. I work at a retail pharmacy in the St. Marys area. I would like to express my support for the proposed consideration of changing the regulations for which a CRNP can prescribe CII, CIII, and CIV medications. This revision would have a direct and positive impact on my work day for many reasons. This will have a positive effect on lowering costs to customers and save them time by decreasing the number of office visits and trips to the pharmacy. It would also limit the number of copays a customer will pay for a certain medication if the prescription can be written for a larger quantity or a longer day supply. It would also decrease some of the workload at the pharmacy level as well, for example we have a patient that receives a prescription for Xanax 0.25mg once a day for 30days. Each and every month the CRNP calls in her 1 and only refill. If she were allowed to put 2 refills on the prescription (90 days total) the CRNP would only have to call the prescription into the pharmacy four times a year verses twelve times a year. This would undoubtedly save not only the practitioner but also the pharmacist valuable time. If this could happen for several patients in pharmacies state wide many extra phone calls to pharmacies would be eliminated thus freeing up more time for pharmacists to concentrate on taking care of patient needs. I think that this is a much needed change in CRNP prescribing regulations. I work in an area that has several physician offices that employ nurse practitioners. It would be more convenient for nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and most importantly for the patients if these changes were made.

Thank You for your consideration,


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