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Dear Ms. Steffanic;

I am in complete agreement with current changes proposed to CRNP regulation and applaud your efforts to improve access to care and efficiency in care delivery. Though my practice site is in New Jersey, we treat many children with neurologic problems who reside in the state of Pennsylvania. When my collaborating physician and I are allowed to function as a team we provide care for the greatest number of patients and it is the best allocation of resources. We complement each others' strength and broaden the quality of care our patients receive.

Current restrictions on prescribing pose a meaningless barrier to care for the children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) that I care for every day. This is a condition I am well-trained to care for, and we have a large number of children with this diagnosis in our practice. The CNS stimulant medications we use to treat this are Schedule 2 medications. It is meaningless and purposeless to restrict me to providing care for only 3 days at a time when children and their families live with this every day of every month. Likewise, current restrictions involving verbal orders for home care services add to the redundancy of health care and slow down service to children with special health care needs. It makes no sense that I have the education, training and judgment to evaluate and manage complex medical problems, but am unable to legally authorize them.

Once again, the State of Pennsylvania has shown foresight in realistically addressing services provided the citizens of the state.

Very truly yours,

Carol Greene, CRNP-APN