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RE: Reference # 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes for CRNP scope of practice to be able to prescribe schedule II controlled substances for a 30 day period and schedule III and IV controlled substances for a 90 day time frame.

I am the senior physician and president of the Western Pennsylvania Allegheny Oncology Network. We are a medical oncology practice of 19 physicians, collaborating with 6 CRNPs in seven Southwestern Pa Counties. We also work closely with the Forbes Hospice and Palliative Care service. Many of our patient's with chronic pain and other complicating symptoms would benefit from the extended prescribing time frame to facilitate effective palliative unfragmented care for our patients.

Sincerely yours,


Charles H. Srodes M.D., F.A.C.P.

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