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Dear sirs:

I am a Nurse Practitioner in Pennsylvania. I specialize in Medical Oncology. I care for many oncology patients on a daily basis. Pain is a frequent complication of cancer and it's treatments. Narcotics are frequently utilized for pain control. In PA, I can only write a script for a three day emergency supply. Then a physician would need to write another script in 3 days. This means the patient would need to pay 2 copays and make 2 trips to the pharmacy. This is costly and time consuming for cancer patients. To save the cost and inconvenience, I may need to have a physician who is not familiar with the patient, write the prescription. This is not optimum for patient care.

Please consider this when finalizing the regulations.

Sincerely,  
Edith Sielsch, CRNP

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