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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show support of the rule making changes proposed for CRNP. These changes affect the practice of Nurse Practitioners in my state of Pennsylvania. I strongly propose the revisions be passed. I believe by updating these regulations improves the care of patients, removes barriers and results in improved care for patients in Pennsylvania.

The key points that need change are: First, the removal of the four to one CRNP to physician ratio with regard to collaborative agreement. The removal of this ratio will better serve the Pennsylvania patient population. Second, CRNP should be allowed 30 day prescriptions for schedule II controlled substance. A change from the present 72 hour rule is needed. Nurse Practitioners are able to assess appropriately the need for narcotic medications. This change will assist Nurse Practitioners in caring for patients in one of the most needed times in patient care. When pain management and compassionate care are needed; Nurse Practitioners need to be able to order narcotic medication for 30 days. This will also help in the costs of medications. Many prescription plans want 30 day orders or the cost savings of prescription plans can not be utilized.

These changes will lessen fragmented care in Pennsylvania patients. I do hope the revisions will be passed for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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