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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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Dear State Board of Nursing:

We are asking for your support in passing the revised CRNP regulations as proposed. I am the office manager in a solo Family Practitioner which employs a Nurse Practitioner. We treat a large Number of children and adults with ADHD. Most of these patients are taking schedule II medications. The current regulations are disruptive to patient care. Ha patient comes to our office and sees the Nurse practitioner for a renewal of their schedule II medications and the physician is unable to sign a prescription for a 30 day supply of medication, that patient only receives a 3 day supply. They must then return at another time to see the physician, incur additional co-pays and miss more time off from work or school. The proposed regulations will extend the NP's ability to prescribe this class of medications from 72 hour to a 30 day supply and alleviate the inconvenience to our patients.

I also would appreciate the extension of the NP's ability to prescribe schedule III and IV medications from a 30 day supply to a 90 day supply as proposed in the new regulations. This will enable us to participate fully in our patients' insurance pharmacy benefit plans, saving consumers excessive co-payments and helping to coordinate their prescription needs.

Please consider making the right decision for Pennsylvanians and vote to pass the new CRNP regulations. Thank you.

Sincerely.

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