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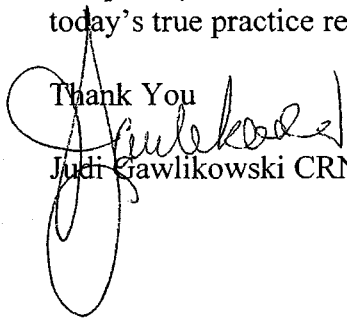
Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am the President of the Southern Chester County Nurse Practitioner Association, we have 65 members in Chester County. As the our group representative I am requesting, a change in the CRNP regulations to allow us to write scheduled prescriptions as per the new proposed regulations.

The current regulations are a barrier to effective care and confuse our patient and their families and make our overburdened system more cumbersome.

The requirement that an MD counter sign a prescription that we originate and are ultimately responsible for, is a waste of precious time, is disconcerting to staff and pharmacists. This is an unnecessary barrier to access to care, adds yet another layer of complexity to our overburdened system. Please reform these regulations, so they reflect today's true practice realities.

Thank You


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