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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Ms Steffanic;

I am writing to support General Revisions 16A-5124 CRNP. This would allow prescriptive authority consistent with DEA privileges of Nurse Practitioners.

I am an office manager at a behavioral health unit in Pennsylvania and this revision would alleviate extra work in our office. There is a shortage of prescribing practitioners in psychiatry, these changes would allow the psychiatric nurse practitioner to see patients at intervals based on clinical need verses legal limitations and thereby improve access to a greater number of patients.

Sincerely,

Linda Helman
Office Manager