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RE: Reference # 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

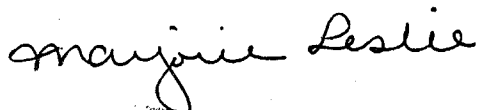
Dear Ms. Steffanic:

This letter is in support of the proposed changes to the CRNP regulations expanding their ability to prescribe schedule II controlled substances to a 30 day time frame and schedule III and IV controlled substances to a 90 day time frame.

As a nurse practitioner and clinical manager of a large oncology practice, I see daily how the current restriction of 72 hours and 30 days negatively impacts patient care. In our practice we treat cancer pain and other symptom management issues on a regular basis. This restriction has left patients with limited access to the care they need. Expanding the time frame will allow us to best meet the needs of our patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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