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RE: 16A-5124: CRNP General Revisions

Dear State Board of Nursing:

I am writing to ask your support in passing the revised CRNP regulations. The old regulations do not reflect current practice and block access to care for those who choose NP's for their primary care.

Just this past month, I have had to schedule appointments for two of my patients who I have followed since birth with one of our pediatricians for treatment for ADHD. Under the current regulations as an NP, I can only write for 72 hours of Schedule II medications the preferred treatment for ADHD. Having to transfer care has been upsetting to some of my families. The new regulations will extend the NP's ability to prescribe these medications for 30 days.

Extending the NP's ability to prescribe Schedule III & IV medications from a 30 day supply to a 90 day supply will enable patients to participate fully in their pharmacy insurance plans.

In addition, the current 4:1 NP to physician ratio affects access to care in rural, nurse managed and convenient clinics.

The old regulations are counterproductive to what Governor Rendell intended with Act 48.

Research studies have concluded that Nurse Practitioners provide safe, competent and cost effective care with high patient satisfaction.

Please make the right decision for Pennsylvania citizens and vote to pass the proposed CRNP regulations unaltered.

Very truly yours,

  
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