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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

RE: CRNP Regulations

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

Given the current crisis in access to affordable medical care, and in particular mental health service, I am writing to offer my support of revisions to the existing regulations for the scope of practice of CRNP's in Pennsylvania.

I am strongly in favor of:

1. Change of Schedule II substance prescribing from 72 hours to 30 days.
2. Increase time frame of prescribing Schedule III and IV drugs from 30 to 90 days.
3. Removal of the NP:MD ratio currently at 4:1.

These changes would improve the relationship between CRNP's and collaborating MD's, and allow for better continuity of care of our clients. This would also be more cost effective for the patient. A ninety day supply of any maintenance medication would help patients financially.

Nurse Practitioners are an asset to physicians, and we value our collaboration.

Please work in favor of change for Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,


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