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Dear Ms Steffanic,

I am writing in support of 16A - 5724 CRNP regulation. I am a PNP at a small private practice in an inner city neighborhood of Pgh. I have practiced with my collaborating physician for over 11 yrs & we have a very collegial relationship. I have extensive experience with children with mental health disorders & we have a large caseload of children with attention deficit disorder & when I first started to work at this practice, I saw a fair number of these kids. My collaborating physician felt quite comfortable with my expertise in working with this population & in prescribing & dosing their medications. However it became cumbersome to interrupt him for the prescription & eventually my caseload became his caseload. My patients grew weary of scheduling only when he was there & then waiting for the prescription. Therefore my 30+ yrs of experience in working with children with severe mental health disorders is no longer utilized at our practice & it is discouraging to our pts. as well as to us.

I do believe collaboration is necessary between NP's & Doctors, however restricting our prescribing capabilities limits our practice. This is disheartening to patients who have developed relationships with NP's who have areas of expertise that they are not able to use. Allowing these regulations to move forward will facilitate the use of NP's who are skilled & experienced in prescribing control II, III & IV medications so that patients have access to the expert care that they need. This would lift 1 more barrier for our patients, to have the appropriate care that they need.

Thank You

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