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To: Ann Steffanic and the State Board of Nursing,


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This is a letter in response to the proposed CRNP regulations. I currently work in private practice with my collaborating physician, Dennis Scully MD. He is a family practice physician and my educational background is family medicine. Typically, there are approximately 50 to 60 patients seen in our office by both practitioners on an average work day. It is a fairly large practice and I find that the current regulations regarding prescribing medications to be problematic for many of our patients.

Patients today are constantly dealing with rising medical costs. Often, to off set these costs many are opting for mail orders prescriptions offering ninety day coverage. The current regulations that limit thirty days for schedule III-IV medications subject patients to monthly refills at higher co-pays. Even more problematic are the limitations for 72 hours on schedule II medications. When the collaborating physician is out of town, patients who require written refills for schedule II medications must pay multiple co-pays and make several trips to our office to receive the medications they need. This places patients with chronic pain as well as ADHD at the mercy of these regulations. Please consider passing the recommended regulation changes for their sake.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
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