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STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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February 2, 2009

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The Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 14th Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

> Re: **Proposed Regulation**

State Board of Nursing

16A-5124: CRNP General Revisions

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

Enclosed please find a copy of redacted letters pertaining to the above-noted regulation of the State Board of Nursing. Because these letters were received after the close of the public comment period, the Board believed that they were not considered public comments to be forwarded. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the late transmittal of these letters. We have redacted the letters for your convenience.

The Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Commission may require during the course of its review of the rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Candred . Dende Ann L. O'Sullivan, Ph.D., FAAN, CRNP

Chairperson

State Board of Nursing

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Enclosure

cc:

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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator State Board of Nursing

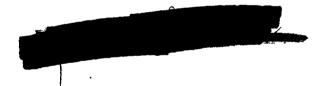
November 18,2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a patient of CRNP. She is an experienced nurse practitioner that is highly trained and provides high quality care to our patients. She has been a CRNP for 10 years and has been prescribing scheduled drugs for many years. She annot write for Schedule II, III and IV drugs longer than the current regulations allow. I must wait for the physician to write the prescriptions. It sometimes takes a long time to get my prescriptions, which causes great hardship to me. It impedes care and decreased access to medical care.

I am requesting that these new CRNP regulations be approved to increase continuity of care for me and other patients.

Thank you,



November 17, 2008

6046 Washington Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing PO Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: CRNP Proposed Rulemaking

I am writing to support the proposed new regulation that will extend Schedule III & IV medications for up to 90 days. Due to multiple sclerosis, I rely on mail order to get all my medication shipped to my house, including Provigil (schedule IV medication). My mobility is greatly impaired by this disease and I cannot go out to the pharmacy on my own. Under the current rules, my nurse practitioner can only write a prescription for 30 days at a time. If I had to come into her office every 30 days for a refill, it would make be a major inconvenience for me and all the friend's that take me everywhere I need to go. In order for my medication to be filled as a 90 day supply, she has to ask her collaborating physician for a signed prescription. This is inconvenient for me and adds a delay in my getting my prescription filled when it is needed. It also increases costs and generates more for work for everyone involved when she cannot take care of this prescription on her own. If her collaborating physician is not in the office, I have to wait longer to get my medication filled. The current regulations do not serve the public well

I feel strongly that nurse practitioners should be able to prescribe enough medication to treat my condition so that mail order can be utilized so save me money and frustration. This change is long over due and will assist nurse practitioners in able to provide cost effective, patient focused quality care.



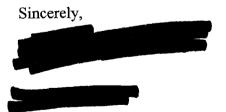
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I support new regulations expanding the practice of nurse practitioners in Pennsylvania. For several years I have been treated by a CRNP a CRNP provided very competent and professional medical care during a very difficult medical time in my life. I was able to be seen quickly because of her availability. She diagnosed me with mitral valve dysfunction. I ultimately required open heart surgery.

Ms spent much time with me before and after my surgery and was always available to answer my questions. Based on my experience, I strongly believe that nurse practitioners are a cost-effective and efficient way to improve access to quality health care. I would like to see CRNPs utilized to their full potential in Pennsylvania.



Dear Ms. Steffanic,

My name is the from Alexandria, PA. I am a patient of the second second

It would be helpful if he was not limited on his prescriptive authority and was able to write prescriptions for several months to save me from having to be seen each month.

has been an excellent doctor. He took one look at my back and sent me for x-rays which confirmed his diagnosis of scoliosis. I have had back pain for many years but no other doctor was as thorough as he is. He has also run blood tests that have turned up things like rheumatoid arthritis, no doctor ever cared how much pain I was in but has been wonderful. I travel 30 miles one way to be treated by him!

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts about this fine man.

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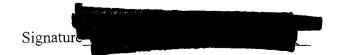
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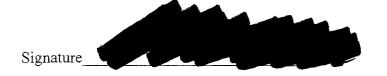
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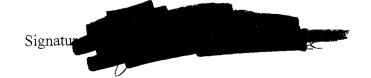
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