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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I ask you to please consider improving Regulation 2729, access to care for our patients in Pennsylvania. Please remove the restrictions that limit the nurse practitioners ability to provide continued high quality care.

Specifically, the 4:1 of nurse practitioners to physician ratio is unnecessary. Nurse Practitioners are fully capable of monitoring their own practice and exceptionally good at knowing when a physician needs to be involved.

Secondly, please consider extending the schedule II, III, and IV prescription privileges. As Nurse Practitioners are already writing for these types of medications in an appropriate and professional manner, I do not see an issue with the simple extension of time limits. By extending these time limits patients will have a better pain control and stay out of our overburden emergency departments. Limits affect how insurance companies will cover a medication. Strict limits may even require multiple, unnecessary co-pays for patients who simply cannot afford them.

Any change in the regulations that allow nurse practitioners to better care for the people of Pennsylvania need to be done. I appreciate your efforts to make Pennsylvania a healthier place to live.

Sincerely,

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I have attached a letter for Regulation 2729
Thank you,
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