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Ann:

I am writing concerning the important issues at hand relating to Nurse Practitioner regulations.

I am working as a Nurse Practitioner at three different clinics that serve underinsured women.

At two of these clinics I am the only provider. To best serve this population the current legislation needs some adjustments.

First, the 4:1 ratio for doctor/nurse practitioner restricts access to care. I understand why initially this was imposed but years later it is clear that such tight regulation is not needed.

Secondly for the same reasons, the 72hr limit on schedule II medications poses a hardship for patients and providers. This window can easily be extended to 30days while maintaining safety.

Lastly, the restriction for 30day mail orders also is an unnecessary hardship for clients.

As one can easily understand how releasing these restrictions will allow access to care that our clients need.

Please consider this with the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

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