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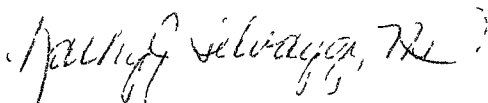
RE: 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

Dear Ms Steffanic

I am writing this letter to strongly urge the changes to the CRNP regulations expanding their ability to prescribe schedule II controlled substances for a 30-day supply and schedule III and IV for a 90-day supply. I am a Medical Oncologist and Palliative Medicine physician who works closely with a CRNP certified in palliative medicine. We have a very busy practice dealing with pain and symptom management and end-of-life care. It is imperative that the well trained CRNP be allowed to use their skills in assessing and treating these patients without delay. I strongly urge you to change the current regulation to expand the role of prescription writing for the CRNP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,



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