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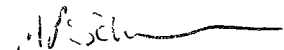
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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am writing in support of the above regulatory change for nurse practitioners. I am a board certified psychologist practicing in a mixed discipline setting with neurologists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. I work closely with the nurse practitioners in the in pt and out pt settings. They are highly competent professionals who bring many skills to the care of our mutual patients. Placing undue limits on their practice such as inability to prescribe medication for chronic patients who need schedule medications for a number of acute and chronic neurological conditions has caused delay and increase in cost for many of our patients. I have found each of them to have excellent skills and good judgment. Not allowing nurse practitioners to do what they have been well prepared to do when the need for quality care is so crucial seems unreasonable. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this issue.

Respectfully,



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