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To whom it may concern,

I feel that the proposed regulation regarding Physical Therapists and the number of PTA's they can supervise (3) which if passed would include students may be a hinderance for PTA students. For the first time in 15 years, we teamed up with Central Penn to allow a student intern here just two weeks ago. Previously, due to our very busy schedule, we did not feel that it was the ideal setting for a learning experience. In order to give something to the learning community, we have allowed limited shadowing opportunities for students applying to PT or PTA school. We are fortunate to have remained busy despite the economic downturn; and decided to try hosting an intern because of a special request from Central Penn. It was a fantastic experience for the student, and despite a hectic 2 weeks, we enjoyed having him here as well. If the proposed regulation passes, we may reconsider our decision to allow these opportunities because it could potentially affect scheduling for the staff. Is the regulation being proposed in order to address some type of problem that has arisen? Perhaps there is another way the issue at hand could be addressed, such as a clinic may not have more than 1 PTA student at a time?

The proposed regulation has more of an effect on students than it does on the clinics, so I am writing on their behalf.

Thank you for your time,
Barbara Potena