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## Dear Ms. Wucinski:

I would like to support the Proposed Rulemaking for Regulations 16A-4955 (Physician Assistants). These proposed revisions make common-sense changes to the present regulation. These changes will make the of PAs more efficient without sacrificing the quality of supervision. This will improve access to medical care for all Pennsylvanians.

As a hospital-based PA at Lankenau Medical Center, I find a few provisions very helpful. Under the proposed revisions we would not have to be so prescriptive about our scope of practice. We could just describe our scope of practice in general and let the health system determine how appropriate it is. This is what happens in practice anyway. Our Medical staff affairs people closely vet us for competence and supervision. It is also helpful that in the event our primary supervising physician becomes disabled, we can rely on a named substitute supervising physician to take her/his place for 30 days. This allows us time to make a new written agreement so we can practice legally under the regulation.

Please give these proposed changes your support so we can improve health care in PA.

Thank you,
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