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Hello,

I am writing in support of the Proposed Rulemaking 16-4955 in reference to Physician Assistants as written. The changes in these regulations will modernize the delivery of patient care by the Physician – PA teams in Pennsylvania.

As a physician assistant working in psychiatry, I have witnessed first hand the need for these regulations. Too many people with mental illness suffer devastating consequences as they wait months to get into treatment. These provisions will ultimately improve access to care while also eliminating obstacles that only take providers' attention away from what should be their sole focus: providing quality patient care. Thank you for your support of Physician Assistants.

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