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Board Counsel Dana Wuchinski,

I am writing on behalf of Geisinger Health in support of Proposed Rulemaking 16-4955 regarding the practice of Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania.

The passage of Act 79 of 2021 was a significant step in the modernization of physician assistant regulations. Approval and integration of the proposed changes will allow for improved efficiency in patient care through removal of administrative barriers without removing the essential relationship between physician assistants and their supervising physicians. These beneficial changes are most notable in sections 18.142, 18.144, 18.153, and 18.159. The changes also provide an update to terminology and definitions, as well as removing redundancies and outdated provisions. Lastly, these changes will make it more appealing for new-graduate physician assistants from training programs in Pennsylvania to seek employment within the state. This will benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth by growing their access to healthcare services.

Thank you.

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