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Dear Ms. Wucinski,

The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), on behalf of its more than 235 member hospitals, appreciates the Board of Medicine's commitment to the timely promulgation of regulations implementing Act 79 of 2021, which modernized the Medical Practice Act for physician assistants.

HAP's member hospitals and health systems provide health services across the continuum of care and are collectively committed to improving the health of Pennsylvanians and ensuring access to high-quality, cost-effective care. Our hospital members employ many physician assistants who serve an essential role in providing safe, timely, and effective care to patients throughout the commonwealth. The implementation of Act 79 empowers physician assistants to practice to the top of their licenses while giving hospitals and health systems the ability to operate more efficiently.

After reviewing the proposed regulations recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, HAP supports these regulations. A copy of this letter of support is attached.

Sincerely,
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