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Dear PA Colleague,

We have some great news to report from Jeff City!

As you know, the Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA) recently asked PAs in Missouri to call their legislator to support language which would provide much-needed clarification to the supervision laws that were passed last year. The amendment does the following:

- 1) clarifies that the 66% supervision should be measured quarterly, not monthly; and
- 2) adds language stating that the board cannot require a physician-PA team to provide proof of trying to achieve 66% supervision if it has been previously approved for a waiver to this requirement.

We're pleased to let you know that this language was inserted into Senate Bill 788. You may view the language at the following link, starting on page 144:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/08info/pdf-bill/tat/SB788.pdf>

We're also happy to report that the same bill includes changes to the PT laws that include adding PAs to the list of health care professionals who may order physical therapy for patients. While the Board of Healing Arts had previously ruled that PAs may order PT for patients, it is now officially in the law.

These accomplishments may seem small, but this is further proof that PAs are now being heard in Jefferson City. MAPA leadership is currently planning for the 2009 legislative session; stay tuned for further developments on this front.

Congratulations again on another legislative victory, and thank you for all your efforts to improve how physician-PA teams deliver patient care in Missouri!

Sincerely,

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