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Dear All,

I'm writing to support 21 NCAC 54 .2008 to end career long supervision for Master's level therapists in NC.

Aside from limiting access to care in rural areas, the requirement severely impacted my ability to be credentialed in particular for Medicare as I was treating patients with chronic pain- many of whom are elderly or on disability. These patients also had BCBS as secondary insurance but because I couldn't submit to Medicare for denial first, their BCBS wouldn't pay. Therefore, I couldn't provide services.

I passed my National exam well beyond the PhD level, graduated w a 4.0 from my Masters program, complied w all supervision requirements, but could not sustain a practice because of the limitations permanent supervision has on credentialing.

Thank you for helping Improve access to care for the patients in NC.

Sincerely,
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