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Having worked initially as a LPA for 5 years and a LP since 1992, I have experienced what supervision brings to enhancing the care of the clients/patients we treat in various situations. I understand that it is an undue hardship on some LPA's but realize that the quality of care that they provide will probably be improved by having access to a well trained supervisor. APA apparently is reviewing this topic and for North Carolina to choose to make changes at this time seems premature to me. We should wait for APA to provide us with a direction that our entire profession can agree to follow. Division within the profession weakens our voice when we are negotiating with insurers and the politicians who control funding streams. I encourage our Board of Examiners to wait until APA provides us with their recommendations before we take any action on this topic.

Thank you,

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