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To South Central District of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Physicians:

Today President Obama signs into law sweeping healthcare reform legislation. Many of us took on political positions and actions like we had never done before. Some of us on one side of the issue and some on the other, but action nevertheless.

I would urge you to continue or renew your political activity on the state level. The Board of Pharmacy in our state has just approved rules changes that will grant pharmacists huge expansion in their scope of practice. They will be able to manage a patients medications including changing medications, interpreting lab work, performing physical exams, and troubleshooting toxicity and side effects. I do not feel they are trained to do this. Many of us on the OOA board feel that this is their attempt to become physicians and do our jobs. They will bill for this service. Health care budgets will be impacted.

The Collaborative Medication Therapy Management pharmacy rules change is the biggest expansion in scope of practice that has occurred in our state since the optometrists were granted the right to perform surgery. We need to stop them.

I would urge you to contact your state representative and senator as well as the governor's office with your opposition and concerns regarding the Collaborative Medication Therapy Management pharmacy rules changes. You will also be hearing more from the OOA as to talking points and strategy we can utilize to stop it. I would urge action on your part, your office staff, family and friends.

Together we are powerful.

Sincerely,

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