



NCAPA's Legislative and Regulatory Agenda

NCAPA will work to ensure that PAs are included and reimbursed with respect to all applicable laws and regulations. Specifically, this includes, but not limited to, monitoring, and actively lobbying, as necessary, on the following issues:

- Support Optimal Team Practice efforts
- Medicaid reform
- Precepting and access to high quality rotations
- Increasing PAs in rural medicine through incentives and other means of support
- Telemedicine proposals that include PAs
- Support PA wellness initiatives
- Promote PA inclusion in healthcare initiatives
- Protect PA scope of practice and prescriptive authority.
- Portable PA licensure

NCAPA 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities

The North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants will work to:

1. Introduce and pass OTP legislation to ensure North Carolina's practice laws reflect modern PA practice and allow PAs to work to the top of their license, training and competence.
2. Introduce and pass PA compact licensure legislation.
3. Ensure any legislation dealing with public health meets patient needs and is inclusive of PA services.
4. Advocate for funding and policies that support disaster relief efforts that address healthcare infrastructure needs.
5. Support legislation that provides tax incentives for PA Preceptors to improve access to high quality clinical rotations.
6. Ensure telehealth/telemedicine laws and regulations are PA inclusive.
7. Ensure that all North Carolinians have access to affordable, quality health coverage.
8. Ensure North Carolinians maintain access to the provider of their choice by explicitly naming PAs in healthcare legislation where appropriate.
9. Ensure that PAs are fully and appropriately reimbursed for the services they provide.
10. Remove barriers for PAs to practice in rural and underserved areas through loan repayment programs, scholarships, or other incentives.
11. Eliminate barriers for PAs who are currently working or want to work as behavioral health providers.
12. Advocate for policies that protect healthcare workers from workplace violence.