



## NCAPA's 2018 Short Session Legislative and Regulatory Agenda

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

- Medicaid reform
- Precepting and Graduate Medical Education
- Rural healthcare proposals, such as telemedicine or incentives to move to medical deserts

NCAPA will work to protect PA scope of practice and prescriptive authority. Specifically, this includes, but not limited to, monitoring and actively lobbying, as necessary, on the following issues:

- MAT Waiver
- Return to Play Certification

### **NCAPA 2018 Legislative Priorities**

The North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants will work to:

1. Ensure that all North Carolinians have access to affordable, quality health coverage.
2. Ensure North Carolinians maintain access to the provider of their choice by explicitly naming PAs in healthcare legislation where appropriate.
3. Ensure that PAs are fully and appropriately reimbursed for the services they provide.
4. Remove barriers for PAs to practice in rural and underserved areas through loan repayment programs.
5. Increase access to clinical rotations for PA students in North Carolina.
6. Ensure common sense solutions to the Opioid Epidemic are identified and implemented to protect North Carolinians including expanded access to treatment options.
7. Ensure PAs are able to work as behavioral health providers to help meet the unmet needs in North Carolina