



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:

- Supporting Optimal Team Practice efforts
- State response to COVID-19 and vaccination efforts
- Medicaid reform
- Precepting and Graduate Medical Education
- Rural healthcare proposals, such as telemedicine or incentives to move to medical deserts
- Promote PA Inclusion in Healthcare Initiatives

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 for PAs

NCAPA 2021 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. Ensure any legislation dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic meets patient needs and is inclusive of PA services.
3. Support legislation that provides tax incentives for to PA Preceptors to improve access to high quality clinical rotations.
4. Ensure telehealth/telemedicine laws and regulation are PA inclusive.
5. Ensure that all North Carolinians have access to affordable, quality health coverage.
6. Ensure North Carolinians maintain access to the provider of their choice by explicitly naming PAs in healthcare legislation where appropriate.
7. Ensure that PAs are fully and appropriately reimbursed for the services they provide.
8. Remove barriers for PAs to practice in rural and underserved areas through loan repayment programs.
9. Eliminate barriers for PAs who are currently working or want to work as behavioral health providers.