

AAPA & NCCPA Actions: NCCPA Recertification Exam Proposal

NOVEMBER

NOV 12

NCCPA announces proposed changes to PA recertification process through its newsletter.

NOV 13

AAPA BOD Chair posts concerns and invites discussion of proposal on Huddle.

NOV 30

NCCPA asks to meet with AAPA Board in late December or early January to present their proposal. AAPA and NCCPA make arrangements for Jan. 19 Board call and presentation at LAS in early February.

DECEMBER

DEC 17

NCCPA and AAPA provide input to NEJM Knowledge+ balanced review blog.

DEC 18

NCCPA posts White Paper about the proposed recertification changes on the NCCPA website and encourages PAs to review it through the December newsletter.

JANUARY

JAN 11

AAPA BOD Chair and HOD Speaker send letter to NCCPA Board requesting that they delay their decision until late June, in order to give AAPA HOD the opportunity to consider the proposal.

JAN 13

NCCPA responds to Jan. 13 letter, expressing reluctance to delay, but says NCCPA Board will consider AAPA request.

JAN 19

AAPA and NCCPA Boards meet by phone. NCCPA responds to some AAPA questions, and promises to provide answers to others.

JAN 20

AAPA BOD Chair sends follow up memo to NCCPA Board with list of questions that NCCPA agreed to answer.

JAN 22

AAPA invites all constituent organization presidents and commission chairs to join the NCCPA conversations at LAS in person or via the web, and urges conversations with constituent organization members.

JAN 27

NCCPA Newsletter expands upon aspects of proposal (number of specialty exam options; only PA will know which specialty exam is taken); provides link to updated FAQ; and announces that PA survey about the changes will be sent out on Feb. 8.

JAN 30

NCCPA distributes Insights & Inquiries newsletter, including links to studies used to develop their proposal.

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FEBRUARY

FEB 5

AAPA hosts discussion with NCCPA representative at LAS; constituent organization representatives engage in open discussion about the proposed changes.

FEB 6

AAPA Board meeting discussion

FEB 6/7

NCCPA Board to determine whether to delay decision until June, to give AAPA HOD time to deliberate.

FEB 10

NCCPA sends survey about the proposed changes to all certified PAs.

FEB 10

AAPA releases a review of NCCPA's "supporting" literature.

FEB 12

AAPA assesses NCCPA survey about the proposed changes.

FEB 16

Constituent organization leader roundtable call on the NCCPA proposal and working with stakeholder organizations.

FEB 16

NCCPA agrees to extend the recertification exam proposal public comment period to June 15, 2016, enabling the AAPA House of Delegates to have an informed debate and to determine its position on the matter.

MARCH – APRIL

MAR 10

NCCPA survey of PAs closes.

MAR 15

AAPA HOD resolutions are due.

MAR 31

Original date for NCCPA to close comment period, according to January 30 Insights & Inquiries Newsletter.

"All certified PAs received a link to a survey on February 10 that will give them a vehicle through which to provide that feedback.."

APRIL

AAPA constituent organizations engage members to discuss NCCPA issue and inform HOD delegates.

MAY – JUNE

MAY 13

AAPA Board meeting.

MAY 14

AAPA House of Delegates meeting.

JUNE 15

NCCPA closes public comment period.

TBD

NCCPA Board to make a decision about the proposed recertification changes.