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Dear NCCPA Board of Directors,

On behalf of the California Academy of PAs (CAPA) Board of Directors we appreciate the opportunity to comment regarding the recently proposed recertification process for PAs.

The new model, as proposed, would add another layer of undue burden on PAs, employers, and the healthcare system. The absence of an association between internal medicine physician recertification testing requirements and patient care performance measures reinforces the position we share with the AAPA and our state constituent chapters; one of caution and skepticism in certification being described as an evidence-based activity.

We urge you to eliminate the PANRE and replace recertification with relevant methods of providing continuing medical education to enhance the knowledge base of clinically practicing PAs. We urge you to consider the PANRE a permanent certification process, similar to that offered for our professional counterparts, and maintain certification with CME based on the PAs' area of practice.

The initial certification exam is the standard, and beyond that, employers of PAs and state laws ensure the safe practice of PAs in every setting. State laws have appropriate mechanisms in place to monitor safety and competence, and to discipline a provider for practicing outside of his or her scope or who is found negligent.

It has been demonstrated that the survey sent forth by NCCPA on February 10, 2016, was flawed in that it only allows PAs to evaluate the current model of the PANRE as compared to the proposed model of the PANRE. It also does not represent an open-ended survey. Instead it is designed in such a manner as to 'steer' those taking the survey to a foregone conclusion that the NCCPA's proposed new PANRE model is superior.

CAPA leaders, on behalf of over 10,000 PAs in California, urge you to take this unique opportunity to make a major shift that will serve patients and PAs of the nation. Eliminate the PANRE and allow employers and state licensing boards to monitor competence.

Very truly yours,

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