



May 19, 2016

Mr. Denni Woodmansee, MS, PA-C  
Chair, Board of Directors  
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants  
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Dear Denni,

On behalf of AAPA, I want to thank you for sharing the NCCPA proposal and rationale in your presentation to the AAPA House of Delegates (HOD). You were especially generous with your time, and the delegates appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and hear your responses as they deliberated the resolutions before them. I trust that you felt welcomed and respected by the AAPA delegates, board members and staff.

As you may know, the HOD passed, without modification, the resolution put forward by the Board of Directors regard PA licensing, certification and recertification. The six components of the resolution, which are now official AAPA policy, are as follows:

- AAPA supports assessing general medical knowledge for initial certification and licensing of PAs.
- AAPA supports the use of evidence-based alternatives to testing for maintenance of certification.
- AAPA opposes any requirement that PAs take a closed-book, proctored exam in a specialty area for maintenance of certification.
- AAPA opposes any requirement that PAs take multiple examinations during a 10-year recertification cycle.
- AAPA supports uncoupling maintenance of certification requirements from maintenance of license and prescribing privileges in state laws.
- AAPA urges NCCPA and the NCCPA Foundation to undertake rigorous and replicable research to determine the relationship, if any, between taking the NCCPA recertification test and patient outcomes, safety and satisfaction.

Thank you again for agreeing to extend the NCCPA board's comment period in order to give the AAPA HOD, which is the representative body of the PA profession, the opportunity to consider and approve

policy to guide the development of PA recertification requirements. In the spirit of collegiality, AAPA would be pleased to work with NCCPA to develop an alternate recertification model that is consistent with these principles, protects the safety of our patients, and meets the needs of PAs in all practice settings.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey A. Katz, PA-C in black ink.

Jeffrey A. Katz, PA-C, DFAAPA  
President and Chair, Board of Directors

Cc: NCCPA Board of Directors  
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