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The PA community has been wrestling with the concept that we have been calling Full Practice Authority/Responsibility for several years. The AAPA Strategic Plan adopted by the Board last spring included an intention to explore the concept, and in May 2016 the House of Delegates referred for further study a resolution that grappled with PA Full Practice Responsibility.

In July, a Joint Task Force on the Future of PA Practice Authority was appointed to explore the issues involved, identify options and opportunities, and make policy recommendations. The task force was specifically asked to obtain feedback from PAs to inform its recommendations.

The document below from the task force explains its initial thinking and is intended as a request for feedback from the PA community. It represents the beginning of an important dialogue about Full Practice Authority and Responsibility (FPAR).

The task force will initiate conversations on [Huddle](#) and [Facebook](#), participate in the regularly scheduled Quarterly Constituent Organization Leader calls, and invite feedback by email at fparfeedback@aapa.org. In addition, the task force plans to survey the PA community in early January, and will host a conversation at the AAPA [Leadership and Advocacy Summit](#) in early March. With your feedback, it is the intent of the task force to bring recommendations to the House of Delegates in May 2017.

We strongly encourage you to engage with colleagues on this critical issue and provide feedback to the task force. We seek a thoughtful and transparent dialogue to better inform our deliberations, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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