

## 2016-17 COMISSION CHARGES

**Name of Commission:**                      **Commission on Government Relations and Practice Advancement**

### **2016-17 Commission Members:**

Albert Bourbon, MPAS, PA-C, New Mexico (Chair)	2015-2017
Stacey Sale, PA-C, Kentucky	2015-2017
Fielding Mercer, PA-C, Hawaii	2015-2017
Daniel Forsberg, MPH, PA-C, CPH, New York	2016-2018
Jennifer Orozco, MMS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Illinois	2016-2018
Paula Paul, MS, PA-C, Delaware	2016-2018
Greg Allen, PA-S, Minnesota	2016-2017
Beth Smolko, MMS, PA-C, Maryland (Board Representative)	2016-2017
Tillie Fowler, Senior Vice President, Advocacy & Government Relations (Staff Advisor)	

### **Charges:**

The commission will:

- Advise staff regarding the impact of new healthcare models and value-based healthcare delivery on PAs, and serve as a resource on PA payment policy.
- Provide assistance and oversight for the electronic health record work group's efforts to assure PA inclusion in all electronic health information technologies related to healthcare.
- Make themselves available to interact with the payer community, as necessary, as part of AAPA's efforts to increase PA visibility in the payer claims process.
- Assist with designing and drafting interstate compact language.
- Review and provide feedback and support for the uniform application.
- Identify current and/or emerging barriers to practice and discuss options to eliminate the barriers.
- Provide advice and counsel on next steps for decoupling of licensure and maintenance of certification.
- Provide advice on AAPA's federal (congressional and regulatory) priorities.
- Assist in recruiting PAs to participate in the Academy's key contact program and the grassroots advocacy information network (GAIN).
- Review and provide comments on AAPA policies as required and will develop policy recommendations to put forward in the House, as appropriate.
- Collaborate with other commissions and staff, as needed, to ensure complimentary cross-organization strategy, research and planning processes.