

PA Practice Ownership Task Force 2021 HOD Report

The mandate of this task force is to identify the barriers and opportunities to practice ownership for PAs and report back to the May 2021 HOD. In the original charges, this task force was asked to pursue solutions that “allow for flexibility and creativity in tailoring healthcare systems that meet the needs of specific patient populations, a variety of practice ownership and employer-employee relationships should be available to physicians and to PAs.”

To date, the task force has reviewed several legislative and regulatory environments that would be favorable for PA practice ownership. For example, we have examined the laws of states with varying laws on ownership such as Vermont, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. In addition, the task force worked with PA state chapter leaders in those states to identify how well those laws function for PA practice ownership, as well as the remaining barriers.

At this time, the task force is not ready to present a final report. The task force needs additional time to continue evaluating the benefits and limitations of these laws and regulations in order to craft an ideal landscape for PA practice ownership. We will continue this work, in conjunction with AAPA staff, leading up to the 2022 AAPA Annual Conference.