

PAs and the AMA Credentials Profiling Service

The Academy is acutely aware of the anxiety and hardship new graduate PAs face if there is a delay in securing their hospital credentials and privileges. To help streamline the credentials verification process for any PA seeking hospital privileges, AAPA serves as the primary source for the PA profession in the American Medical Association's credentials profiling service, used by nearly every hospital in the country. AMA profiles also are requested by licensing boards, group practices, managed care organizations, recruiters and third-party credentialing.

- AAPA helps to streamline the credentialing process for PAs and is an authorized administrator for AMA.
- AAPA collects graduation data directly from PA programs in order to meet AMA and Joint Commission "primary source" requirements.
- To ensure privacy, AAPA requests only the information required by the profile service. The fields are first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, graduation date and the degree awarded. This data is used only for AMA credentialing.
- All information is confidential.
- When AAPA is unable to secure a graduation roster from a PA program, graduates of that program may encounter credentialing delays.
- AAPA receives a minor administrative fee to cover the costs of serving as the primary source.
- AMA will not accept graduation verification directly from individuals.
- For those individuals who opt out or their Program doesn't submit the graduation roster to AAPA, they can expect to encounter various fees, some that are quite substantial.
- PA Programs, through the submission of graduation rosters, not only assist students in their credentialing but also save the student from having to pay any fees to be credentialed.