



## ***Convenient Care Association***

The Convenient Care Association (CCA) is the national trade association of companies and healthcare systems that provide consumers with accessible, affordable, quality healthcare in retail-based locations. CCA strongly supports modernizing PA practice.

PAs are a critical component of the healthcare workforce, and we rely on PAs to deliver quality care to patients in our clinics. CCA members represent more than 3,000 clinics in operation in 44 states and Washington, D.C., and provided more than 40 million patient visits.

Unfortunately, we are constrained in how we can utilize PAs depending on the administrative and archaic barriers present in a state's PA practice act.

PAs are skilled medical providers who offer a full spectrum of patient care. Versatile and collaborative, PAs practice in every state, medical setting, and medical specialty. PAs seamlessly work in teams with physicians, advance practice nurses, and other providers, enhancing healthcare and the patient experience and outcomes. PAs are trained to provide care by the highest quality metrics available for their practice, achieving exemplar patient satisfaction rates on par with other provider licenses.

Our patients would benefit from updating state PA practice laws. By removing outdated administrative requirements, CCA members will be able to expand our work with PAs and increase patient access to care.

States must eliminate the requirement for a specific relationship between a PA, physician, or any other healthcare provider in order for a PA to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and experience. We believe removing this requirement will strengthen healthcare teams, expand access to care, and reduce healthcare costs. The majority of our patients currently do *not* have a primary care provider; expanding PA practice laws will mean bringing millions more Americans into our broader healthcare ecosystem through referrals and partnerships.

PAs are an essential part of the healthcare system. It is vital that state laws remove barriers to PA practice and adapt for modern healthcare delivery. The current public health epidemic has demonstrated that rapid transformation towards more innovative care models, is urgently needed.

The Convenient Care Association is proud to support modernizing PA practice.