

# Senate Bill 47 & House Bill 75

## UPDATING NORTH CAROLINA PA PRACTICE LAWS

Through companion bills SB 47 and HB 75, NCAPA is working to ensure PA practice laws and regulations better match current practice environments by enacting Optimal Team Practice (OTP).

PAs are often the trusted, primary healthcare provider for patients. PAs provide high quality medical care across all specialties, putting patients first.

PAs are deeply committed to team-based care and value relationships with other healthcare providers, and OTP reinforces that commitment. Practice settings vary and one-size-fits-all approaches and outdated laws just don't work any longer.

Eliminating the legal requirement for experienced PAs to have a specific relationship with one physician will provide flexibility, expand access to care, and reduce healthcare costs. And increasing practice flexibility will help ensure that patients are seen in the right setting, by the right provider, at the right time – reducing the overall cost of healthcare.

### WHAT DOES THE OTP LEGISLATION DO?



**Establishes a supervised career entry interval** of 4,000 clinical hours upon entry into PA practice, and a training interval of 1,000 hours if a PA changes specialty.



**Defines team-based settings** as physician-owned practices, medical practices, and licensed health facilities.



**Eliminates the legal mandate for experienced PAs** to have a specific relationship with a physician when working in a team-based setting.



**Requires PAs to collaborate appropriately,** based on patient need, PA education, experience level, and standard of care.



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# WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT OTP?

**“As a PA who practiced for over 40 years in NC as an educator and clinician, I strongly support OTP. PAs value our relationship with our physician colleagues and want to provide the best care for our patients. Allowing all team members to act in the best interest of the patient without encumbrances is a win-win for everyone.”**

L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C · Retired Chair, PA Studies · Wake Forest School of Medicine

**“This makes me very proud for PAs to be unfettered & able to better serve NC patients.”**

Jerry M. Wallace · Chancellor · Campbell University

**“We want North Carolina to remain the best place for PAs to practice and are committed to working with our physician colleagues. This legislation provides a path to a comprehensive team-based care system that we call OTP, Optimal Team Practice, which allows PAs to work to the top of our training and education while reducing administrative barriers to care and improving flexibility throughout the practice.”**

Meg Beal, PA-C · President · NCAPA

**“Our task force studied and debated how best to formalize the relationship we have with our PA team members. The NCMS is pleased that this proposal recognizes PAs as an integral part of the health care team.”**

Philip Brown, Jr., MD · Immediate Past President · North Carolina Medical Society