



THE NEVADA ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES

November 17, 2025

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
9600 Gateway Dr.
Reno, NV 89521

Dear Board Members,

The Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants hereby notifies the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners of our organization's official name change to the **Nevada Academy of Physician Associates**, effective October 31, 2025. This has been filed with the Nevada Secretary of State. This correspondence outlines the rationale for this change and clarifies its scope and implications for our members and the regulatory framework in Nevada.

This name change reflects an update to our organizational identity only. Our bylaws, articles of incorporation, and tax identification remain current with this modification filed with the Nevada Secretary of State. This name change aligns with a national initiative led by the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA), our national professional organization, which adopted the "Physician Associate" terminology in May 2021 after extensive deliberation and member input.

The AAPA House of Delegates voted to change the professional title from "Physician Assistant" to "Physician Associate" to better reflect the collaborative nature of the profession, as well as align with international standards and reduce confusion. The title "Physician Associate" is used in numerous countries including the United Kingdom, Ireland, and India, facilitating global recognition and understanding of the profession. The term "Assistant" sometimes leads to misunderstanding about PAs' education level and scope of practice, with some patients mistakenly believing PAs are medical assistants or support staff rather than licensed medical providers.

As a constituent organization of AAPA, the Nevada Academy of Physician Associates adopted this name change to maintain consistency with our national organization and support unified professional identity across all states. Over 40 state constituent organizations have similarly updated their organizational names to reflect this terminology.

We want to emphasize the following important limitations of this organizational name change, including no change to scope of practice, state statutory or regulatory titles, employment or clinical titles, nor professional credentials.

The Nevada Academy of Physician Associates has clearly communicated these limitations to all members through formal announcements via email, social media, and our website. Our members understand that any future change to Nevada's statutory or regulatory terminology would require legislative action to amend NRS Chapter 630 and regulatory changes by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. We have not represented this organizational name change as altering legal requirements or professional obligations in any way.

The Nevada Academy of Physician Associates is dedicated to the advancement of its members and the PA profession through academy support, education, public awareness, and legislative action.

While this current change is limited to our organization's name only, we acknowledge that some states have pursued or are considering statutory changes to adopt "Physician Associate" as the official professional title. Should Nevada consider such a change in the future, the Nevada Academy of Physician Associates commits to working collaboratively with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners throughout any legislative or regulatory process. Any such statutory change would be pursued through Nevada's legislative process and would not be undertaken without appropriate coordination with the Board and other regulatory stakeholders.

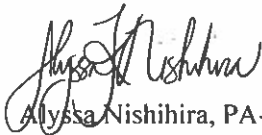
We recognize the Board's critical role in regulating physician assistants in Nevada and respect the regulatory framework established in Nevada law. This organizational name change in no way diminishes our commitment to supporting appropriate oversight and maintaining the highest standards of professional practice.

For any questions or additional information regarding this name change, please contact:

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We appreciate the Board's consideration of this notification and welcome any questions or discussion regarding this organizational change.

Respectfully Submitted,



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