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Attention Michigan PAs:

Your ability to practice medicine and provide efficient care for your patients has been questioned by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS).

MSMS is a professional society that represents physicians and medical students in the state of Michigan with a stated mission focused on improving physician lives with core values centered on advocating on the behalf of physicians.

Last week, MSMS announced their intent to redefine the existing PA practice law **to now require** "Physician-led" practice agreements. This planned legislation would require oversight of PA prescriptive abilities, listing all PA duties and responsibilities, and mandates involvement of physicians in several aspects of your patient care.

MAPA believes we currently have the best practice environment for PA's in the country and have been the role model for many other states. The proposed legislation from MSMS would undo your ability to efficiently practice patient-centered medicine. This current position is not reflective of the [objective data available showing that PA's provide high-quality](#), patient-centered, safe care.

MAPA, MSMS, and other physician organizations, have worked together for decades to collectively serve our patients and communities. MAPA continues to strive for collaboration with these organizations to foster the team-based care model we have established.

Examples of how MAPA has worked for you in this area include:

- MAPA worked with MSMS to ensure their support for the Michigan PA Practice Act in 2016. This historic law was sponsored by a physician and created a national precedent for PA's with limiting physician liability for care PA's provide patients.
- MAPA has worked with other supportive physician organizations such as the Michigan Osteopathic Association, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, Michigan Society of Addiction Medicine, and Michigan Psychological Association in advocating for PA's to be recognized as Mental Health Providers in Michigan.
- Full history of MAPA's work and efforts benefiting your practice of medicine can be found [here](#).

MAPA is asking lawmakers to support our patients by recognizing the unmatched quality of care and access to care that Michigan PAs provide.

Now is the opportunity to stand up for our profession to allow us to continue to make a difference in our patients' lives.



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You are the best advocate for your patients and your profession. [Join MAPA](#) to support the PA leaders who volunteer to support us. [Contribute to the PAC](#) to support lawmakers who support Michigan PAs since MAPA dues cannot be used for PAC donations. Join us at the [Capital Summit on May 4th](#) to meet with your legislators, or respond to this email to volunteer for your future practice today.

Together we are stronger and together we will continue to advocate for Michigan PA's and the patients we serve.

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